

The “Shoulder” and the “Ridge” in PHENIX:

Medium Response to Fast Partons in Heavy Ion Collisions via Di-hadron Correlations



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Heavy Ion Collisions

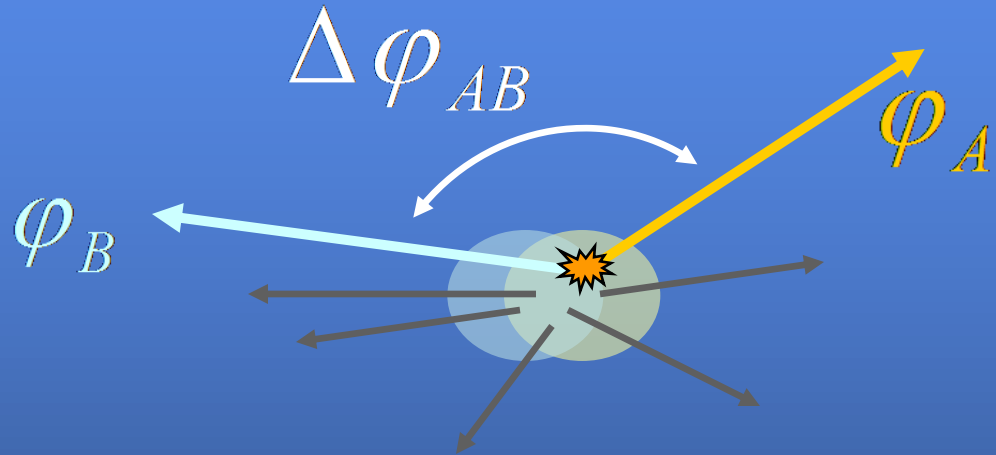
Jet Suppression:

- Fast partons lose energy in the medium
- Lost energy should be deposited locally in the medium

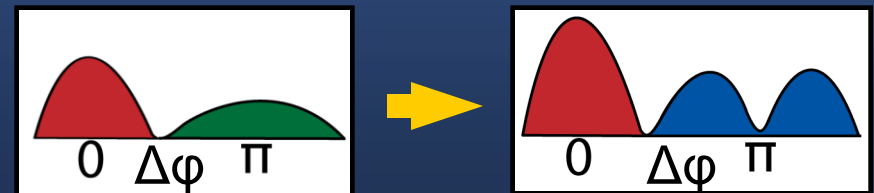
Where does the energy go?

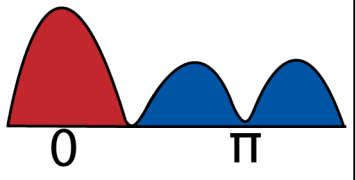
- Does anything of the jets remain?
- Does the lost jet energy elicit a response from the medium?

Two Particle Correlations:



- Jet reconstruction difficult in heavy ion collisions
- Jet physics can still be studied via two-particle correlations

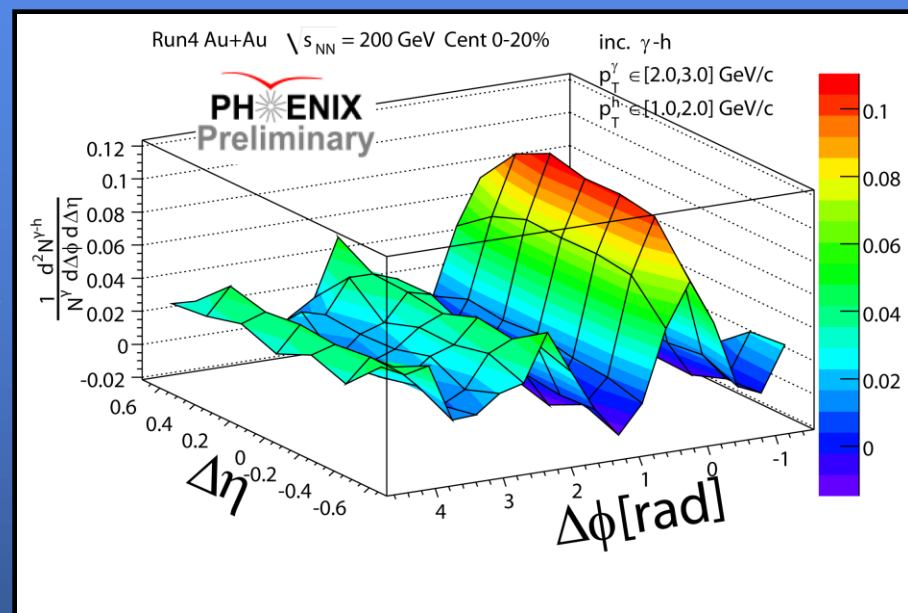
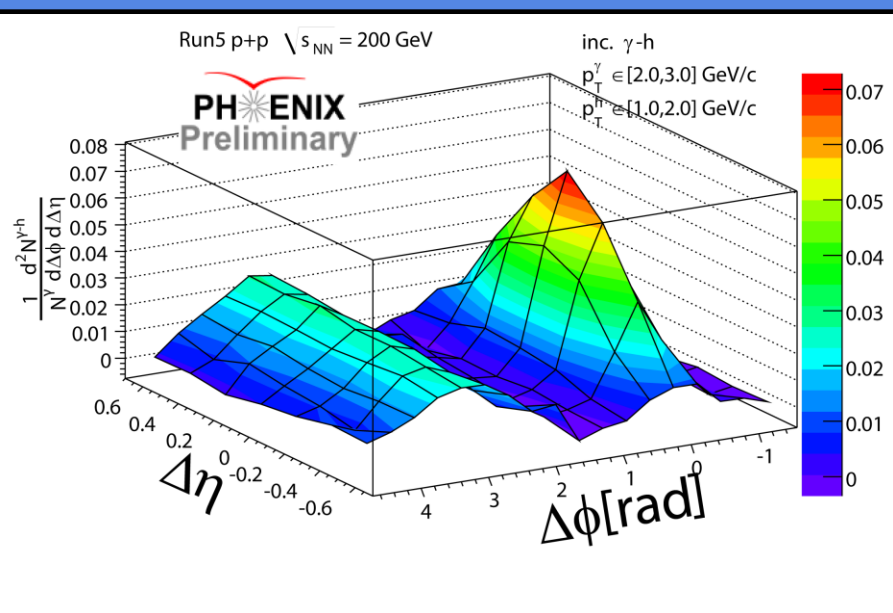




Medium Response

p+p, peripheral Au+Au

central Au+Au



PHENIX poster (Chin-Hao Chen)

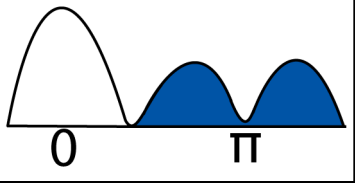
Typical:

- Near-side Jet
- Away-side Jet – “Head”

New:

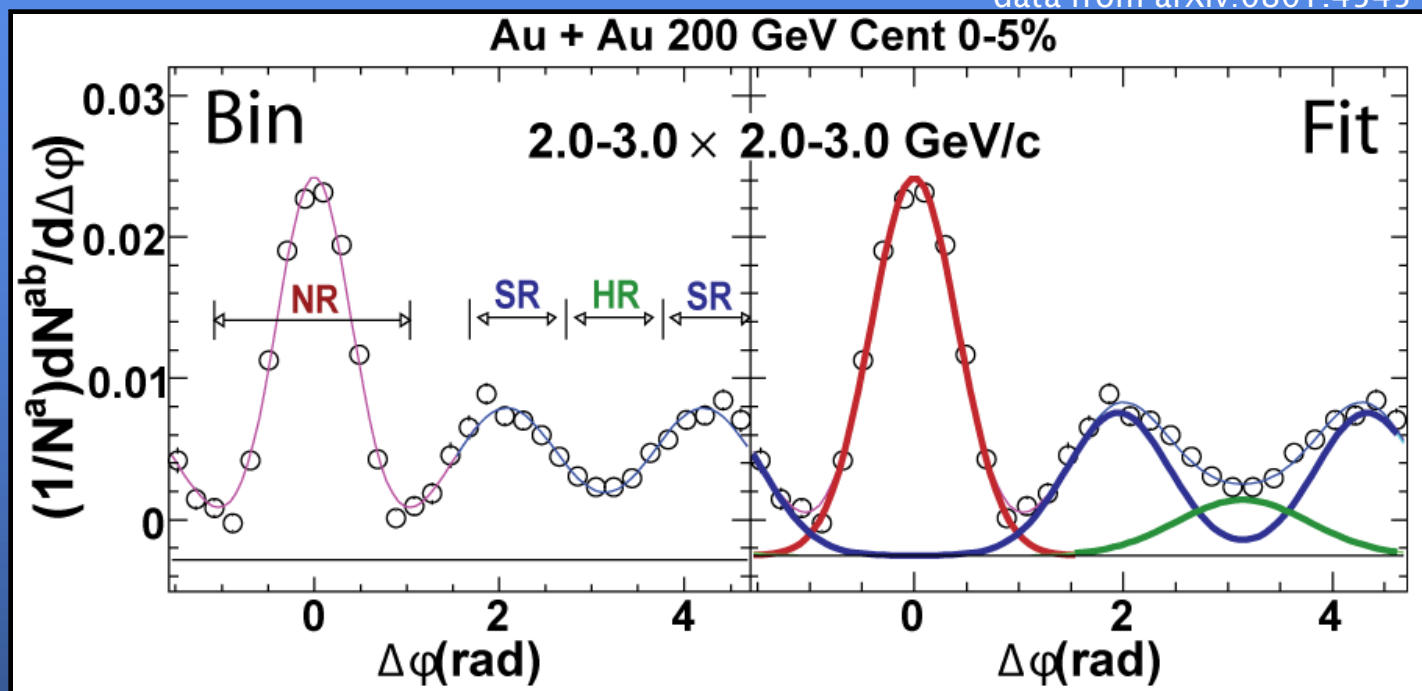
- Near-side Modification – “Ridge”
- Away-side Modification – “Shoulder”

Near-side Ridge theories: Boosted Excess, Backsplash, Local Heating, ...
 Away-side Shoulder theories: Mach, Jet Survival + Recom, Scattering, ...



Away-Side Decomposition

data from arXiv:0801.4545

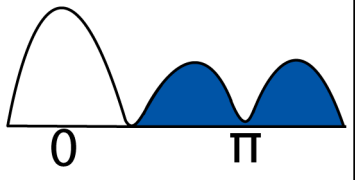


Bin Method:

- Model independent
- Measures physics of dominant contribution
- Contamination

Fit Method:

- Model dependent
- Needs higher statistics
- Less contamination



Away-side Contributions

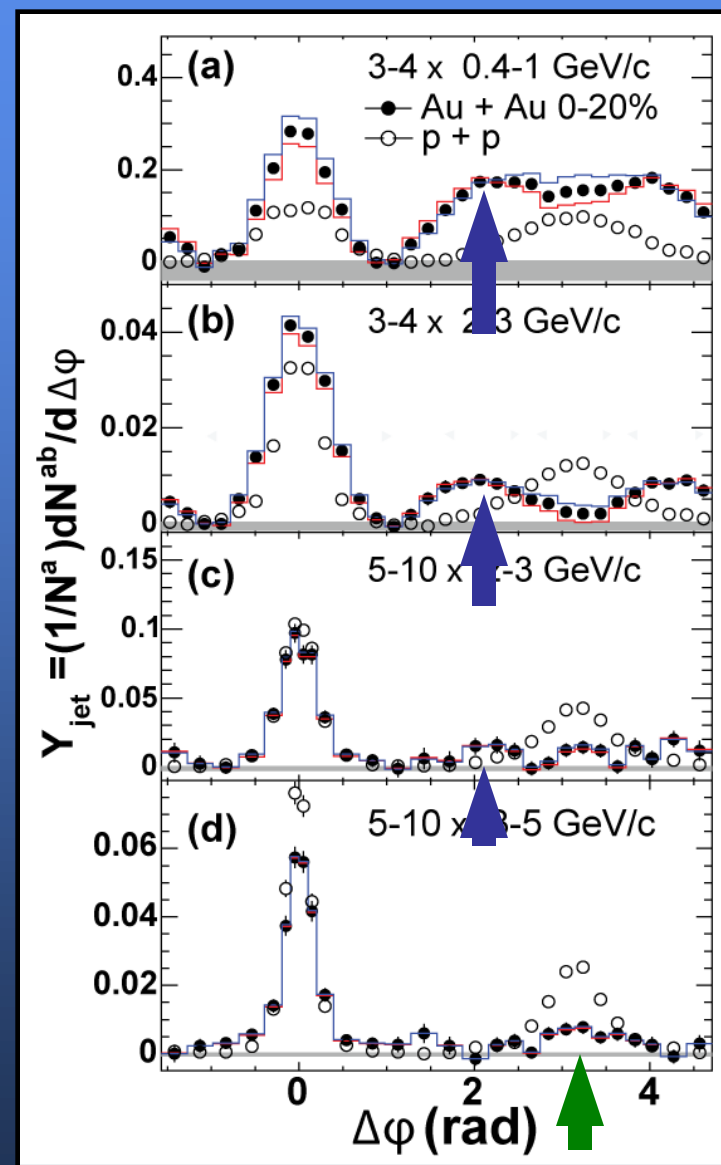
Away-side Head:

- Suppressed relative to p-p baseline
- Dominated by shoulder at low p_T
- See Hua Pei's talk in Section IX

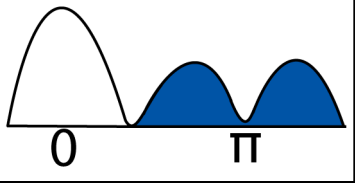
Away-side Shoulder:

- Strongest at lower p_T (< 4 GeV/c)
- $\Delta\phi$ position largely independent of p_T ($\sim \pi \pm 1.1$)

increasing p_T

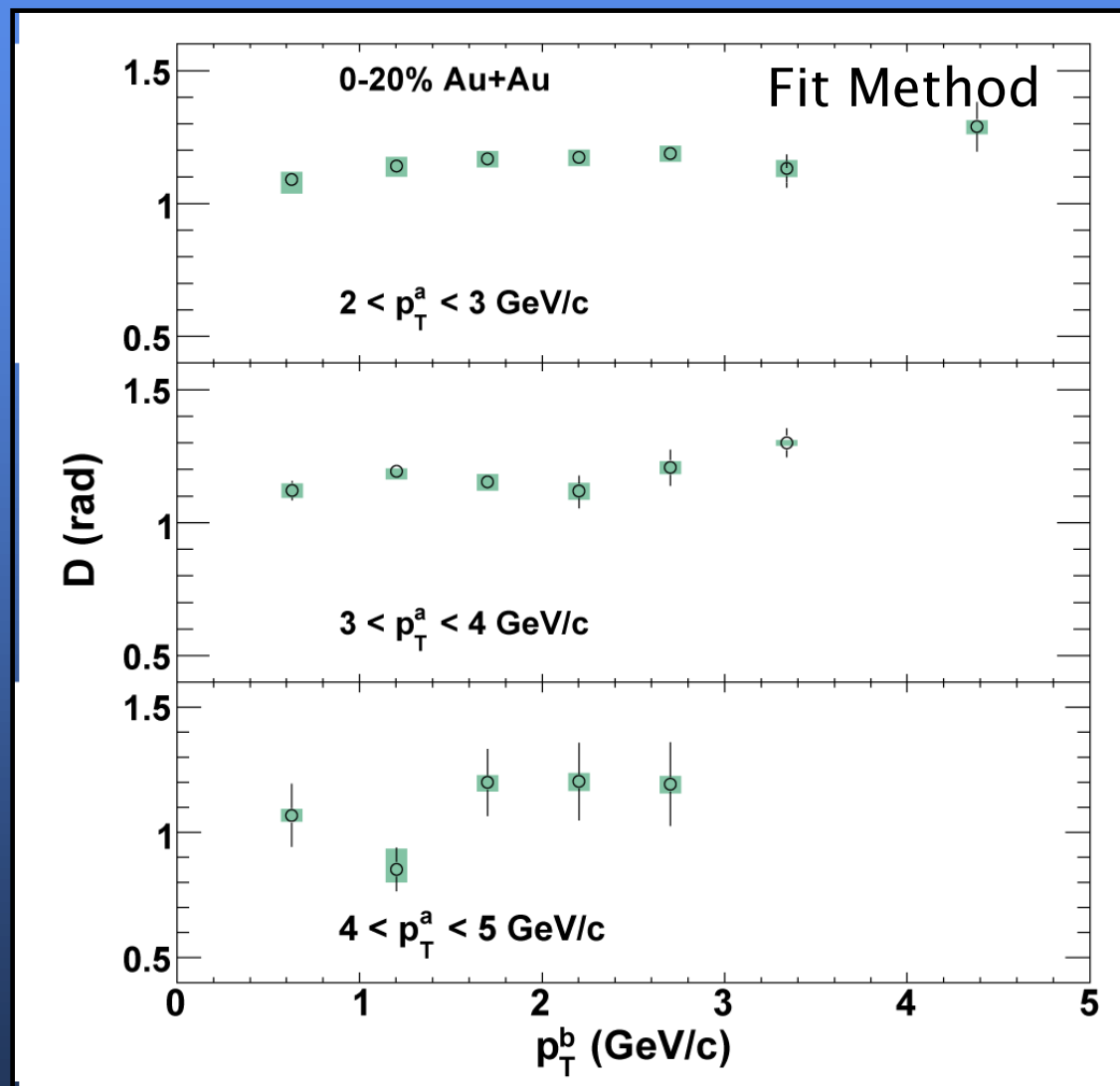


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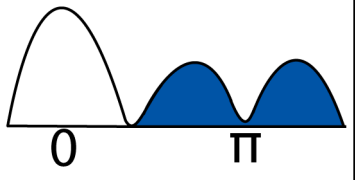


Away-side Shoulder Position

- Head region fitted separately
- Position largely independent of both trigger and partner p_T selection

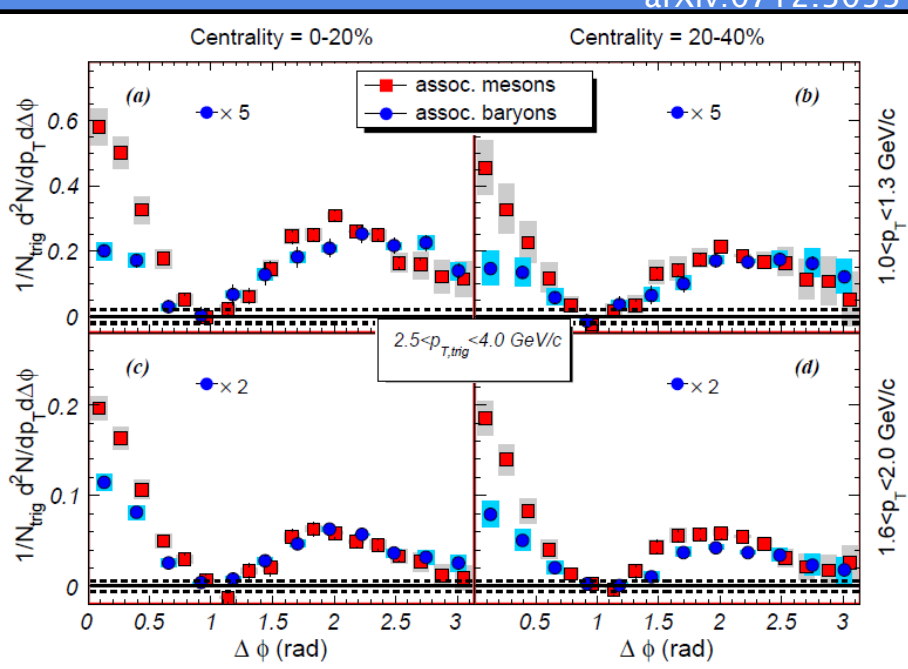


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Away-side Composition

arXiv:0712.3033



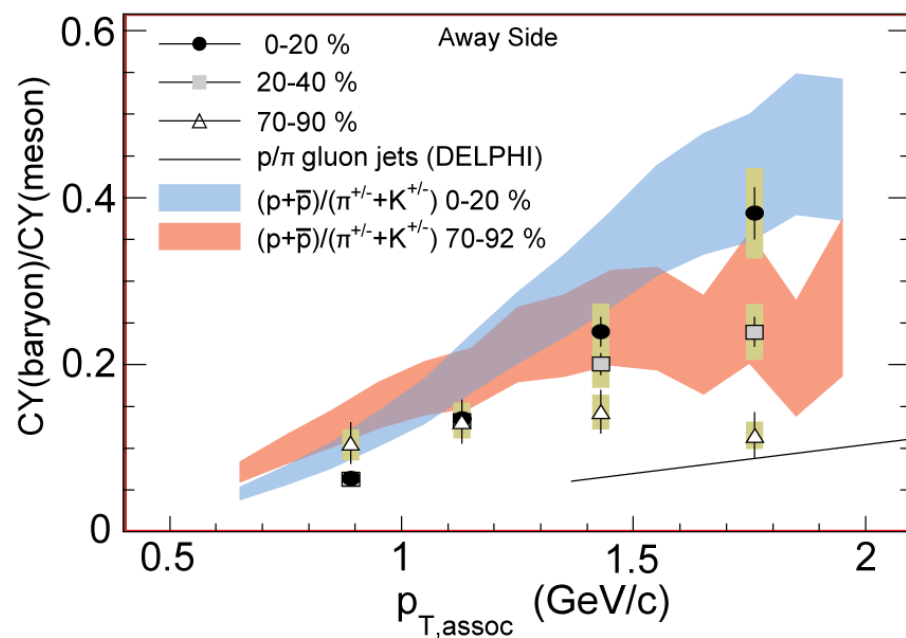
Shapes:

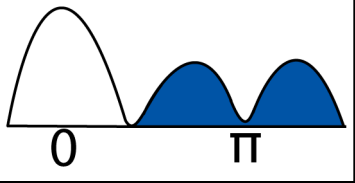
- Similar shape in away-side mesons and baryons

Ratios:

- Away-side baryon/meson ratios approach inclusive values
- Incompatible with in-vacuum fragmentation

arXiv:0712.3033





Away-side Shoulder Spectra

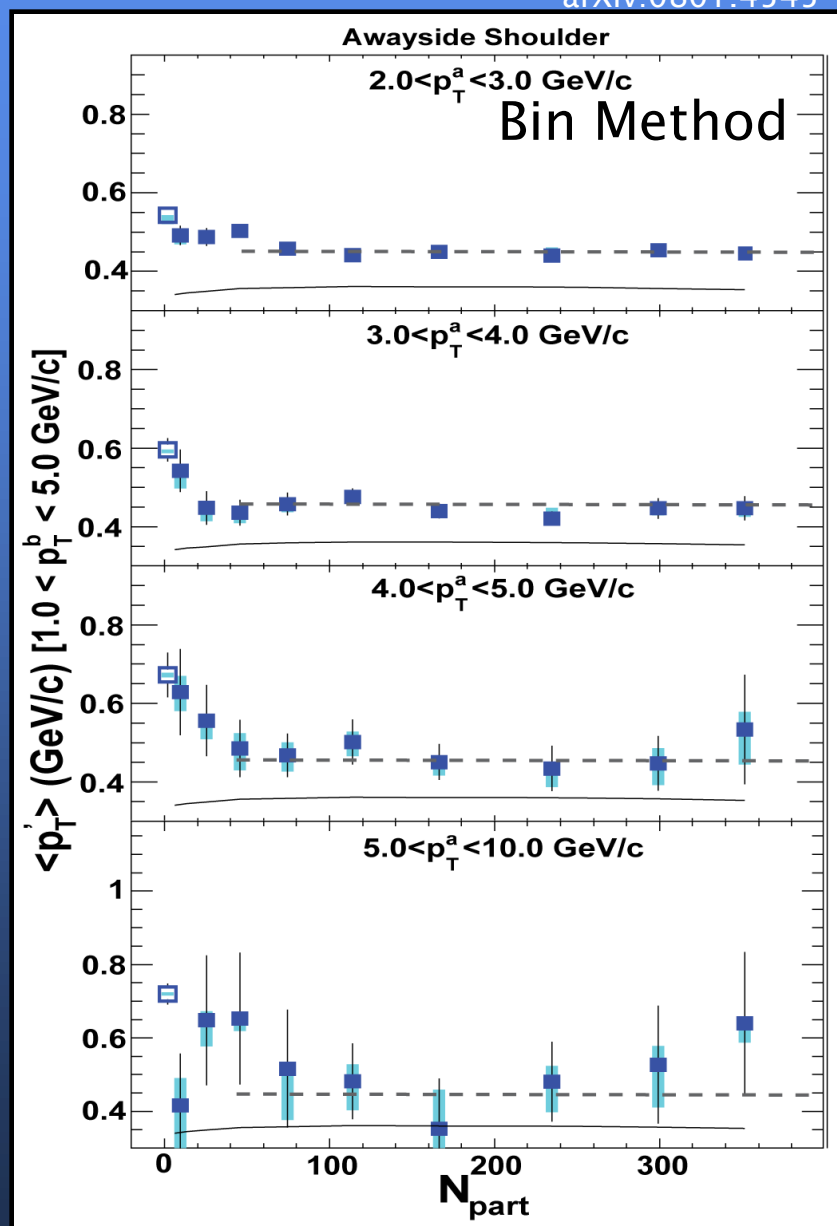
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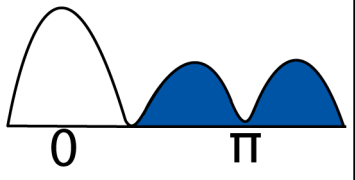
p-p baseline:

- Spectral shape depends on trigger p_T selection ($0.55 \rightarrow 0.73$ GeV/c)

Mid-Central \rightarrow Central Au-Au:

- Medium response dominates the shoulder bin ($>50 N_{part}$)
- Softer than p-p away-side
- Little dependence on trigger p_T selection (~ 0.45 GeV/c)

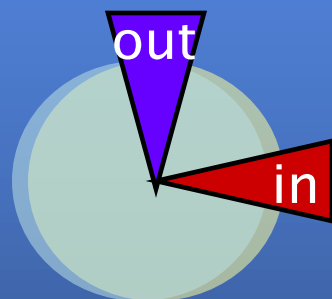




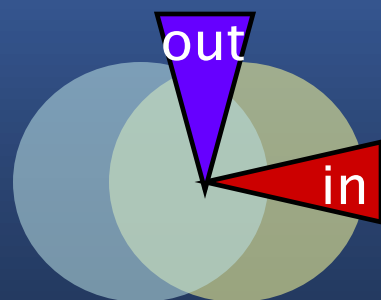
Away-side by Geometry

Reaction-Plane Binned Triggers from Run 7 with RXPN Detector:

- Reaction-plane resolution sys errors – Black lines (correlate in-out)
- BBC-RXPN v_2 sys errors – Red lines (anti-correlate in-out)



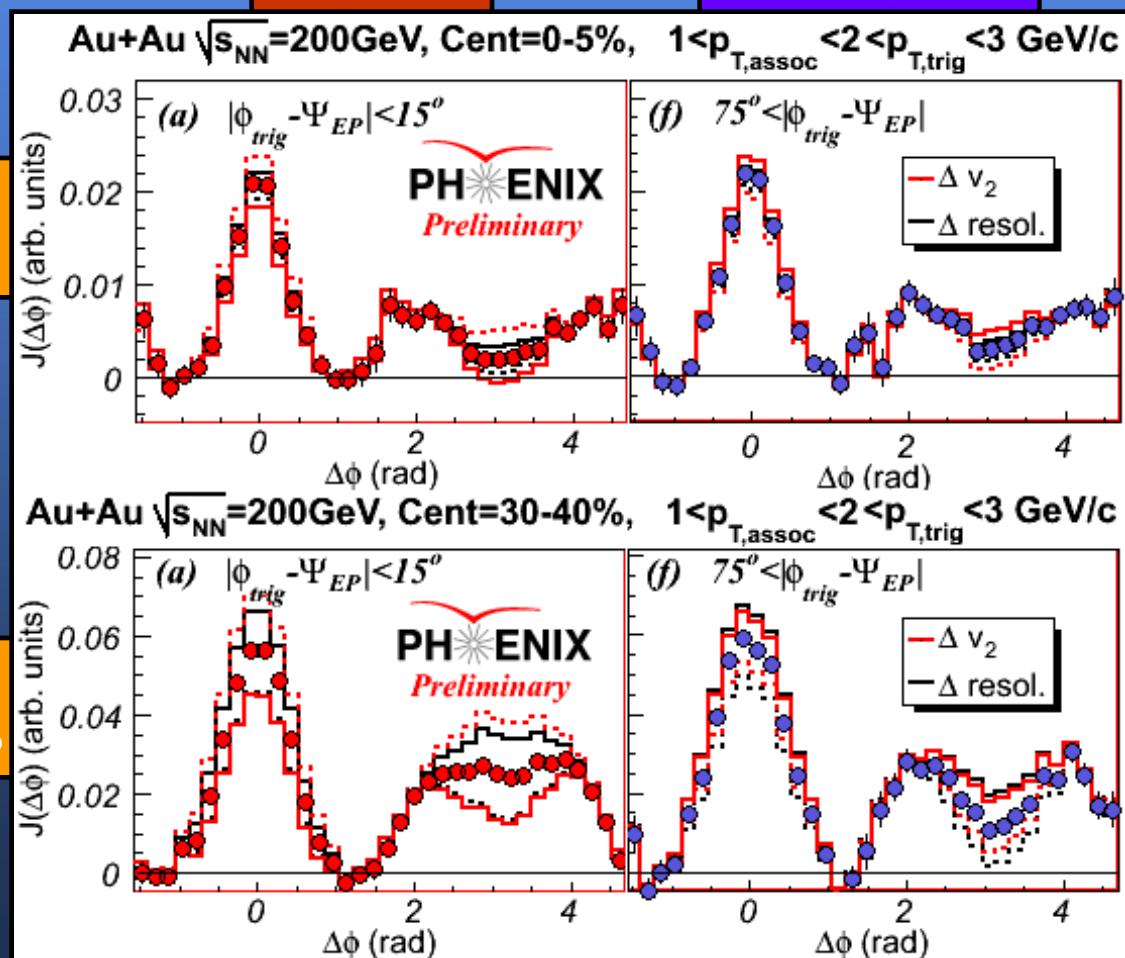
Cent
0-5%

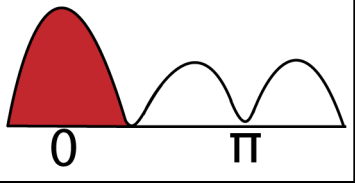


Cent
30-40%

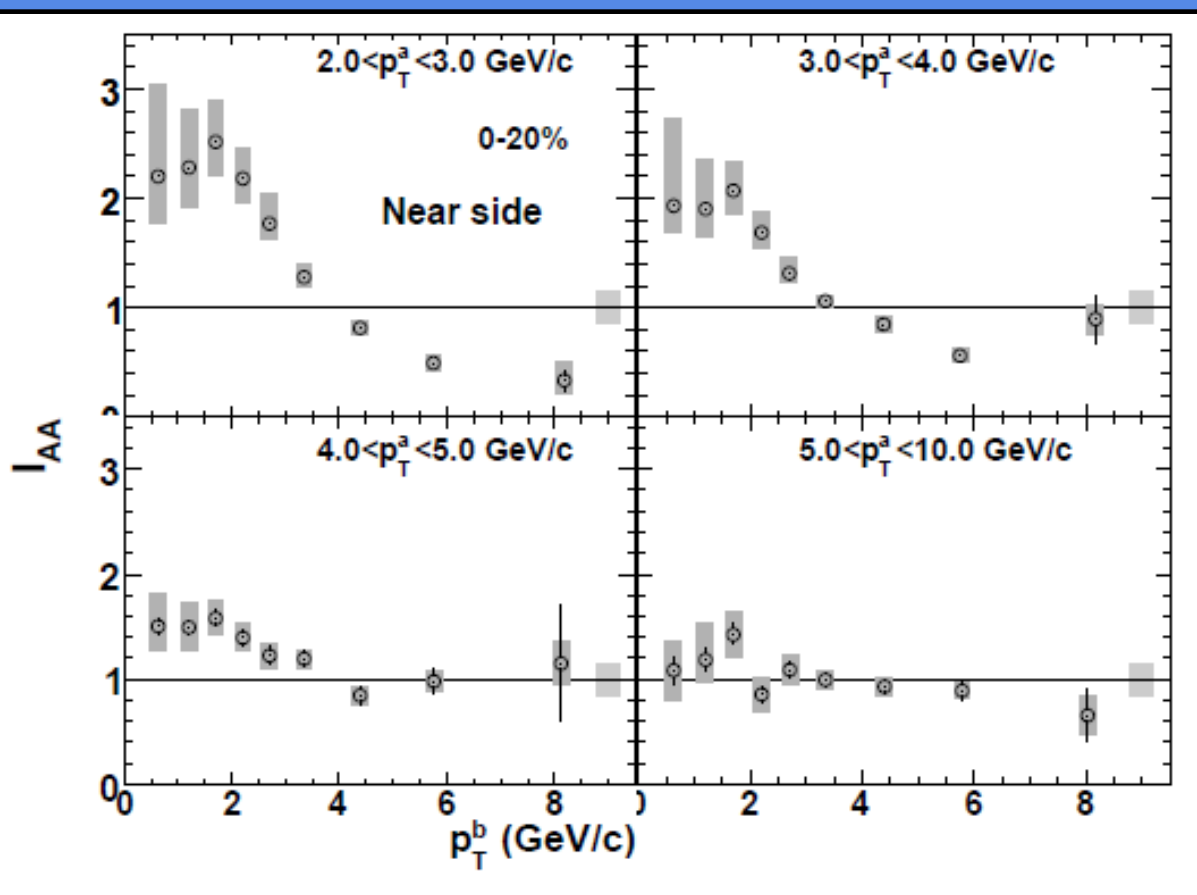
in-plane

out-of-plane





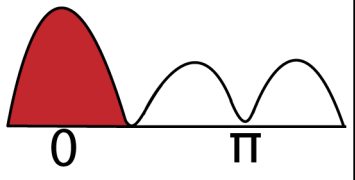
Near-side Enhancement



- Near-side enhancement at low partner p_T
- No enhancement or suppression at highest p_T
- Apparent “suppression” at low p_T triggers and high p_T partners

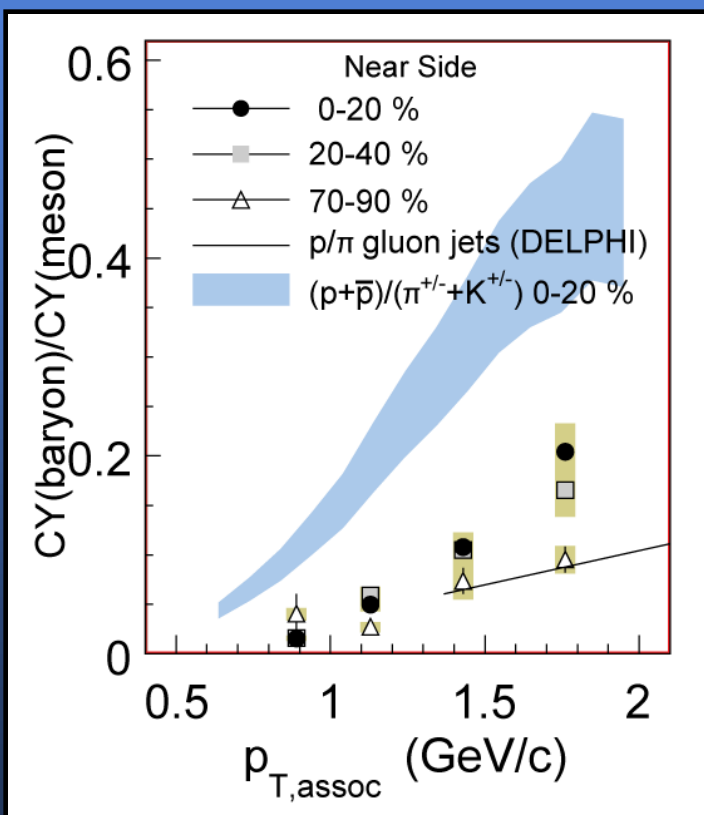
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$$I_{aa} = \frac{1 / N_{Au+Au}^A \times N_{Au+Au}^{AB}}{1 / N_{p+p}^A \times N_{p+p}^{AB}}$$

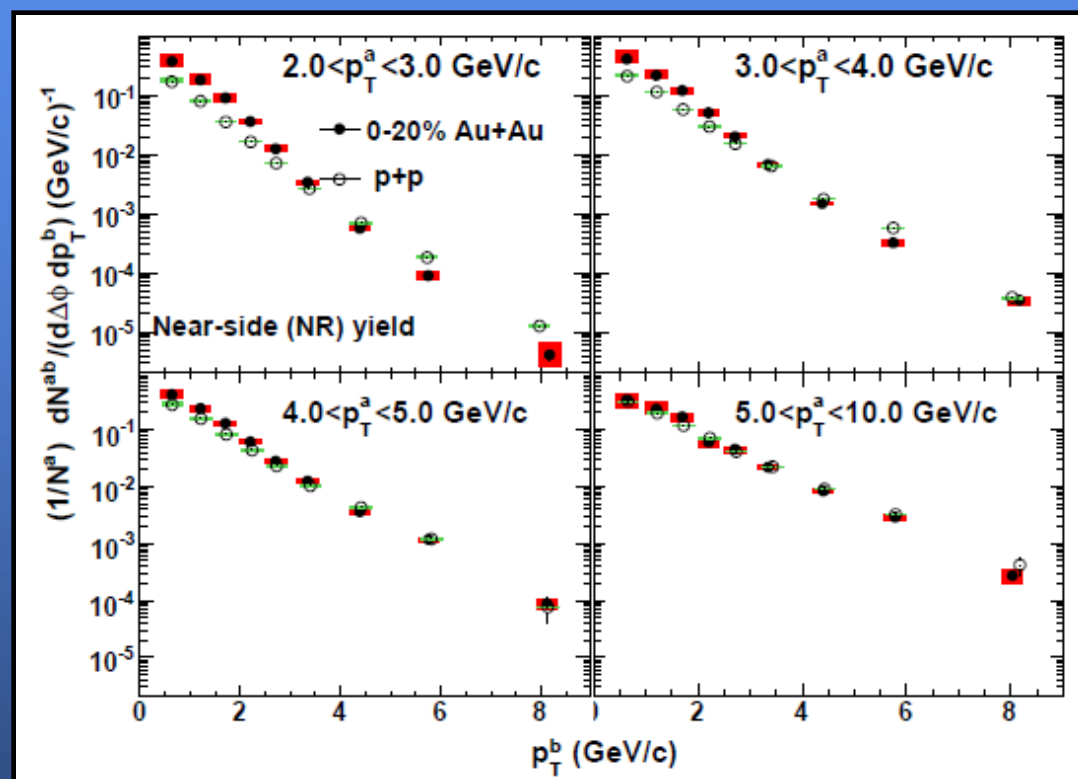


Near-side Composition & Spectra

- Near-side Baryon/Meson ratio increases in central collisions

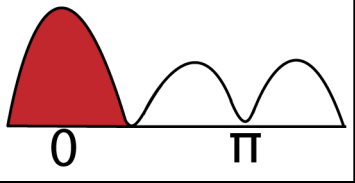


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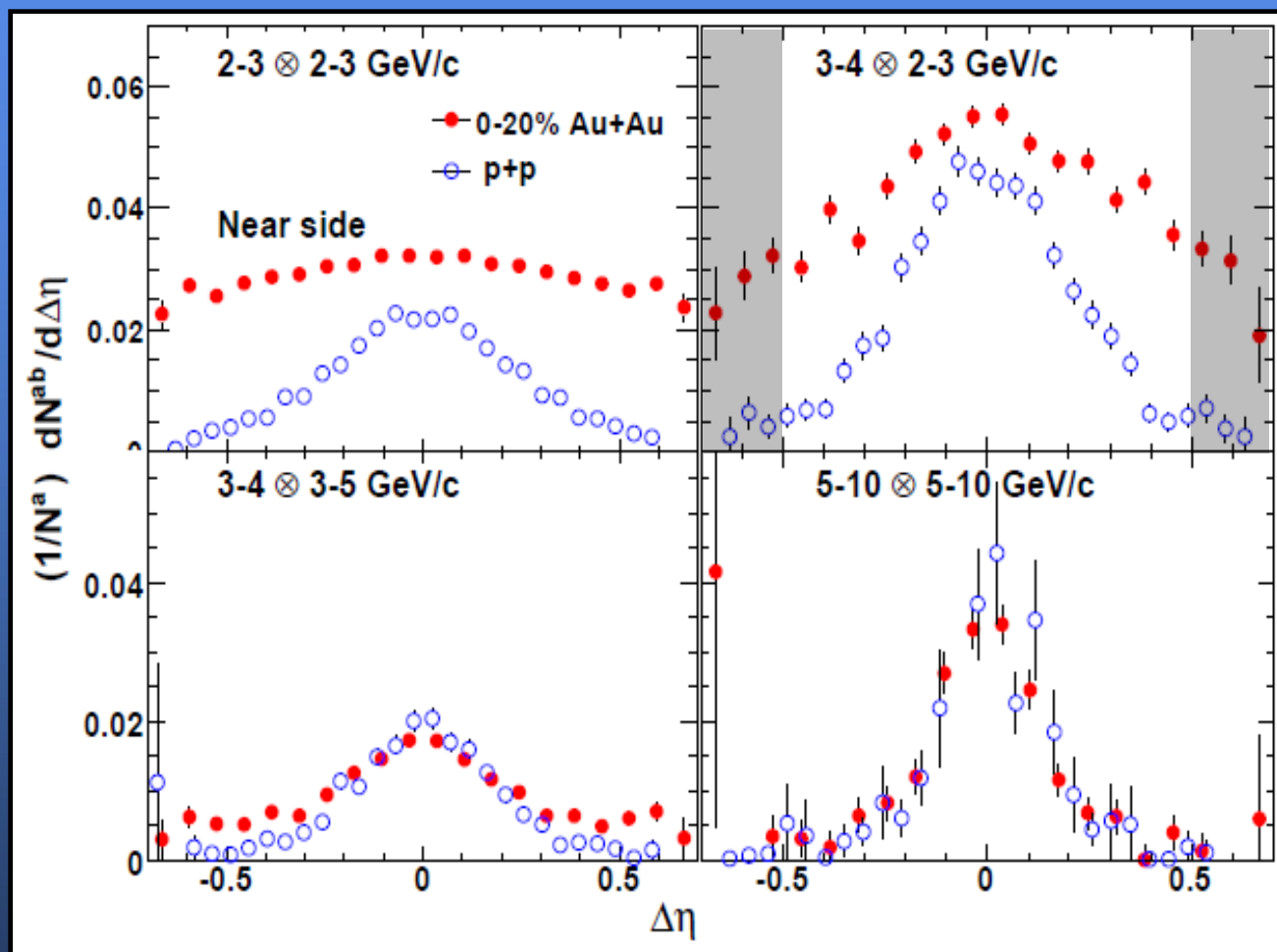
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- Near-side spectra are softer than p-p baseline at intermediate p_T



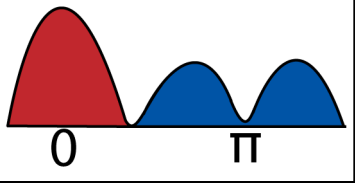
Near-side Ridge

- Broad $\Delta\eta$ near-side enhancement measured in Au+Au collisions at intermediate p_T
- High p_T near-sides are similar
- Intermediate p_T p+p near-side is narrower in $\Delta\eta$ than central collisions



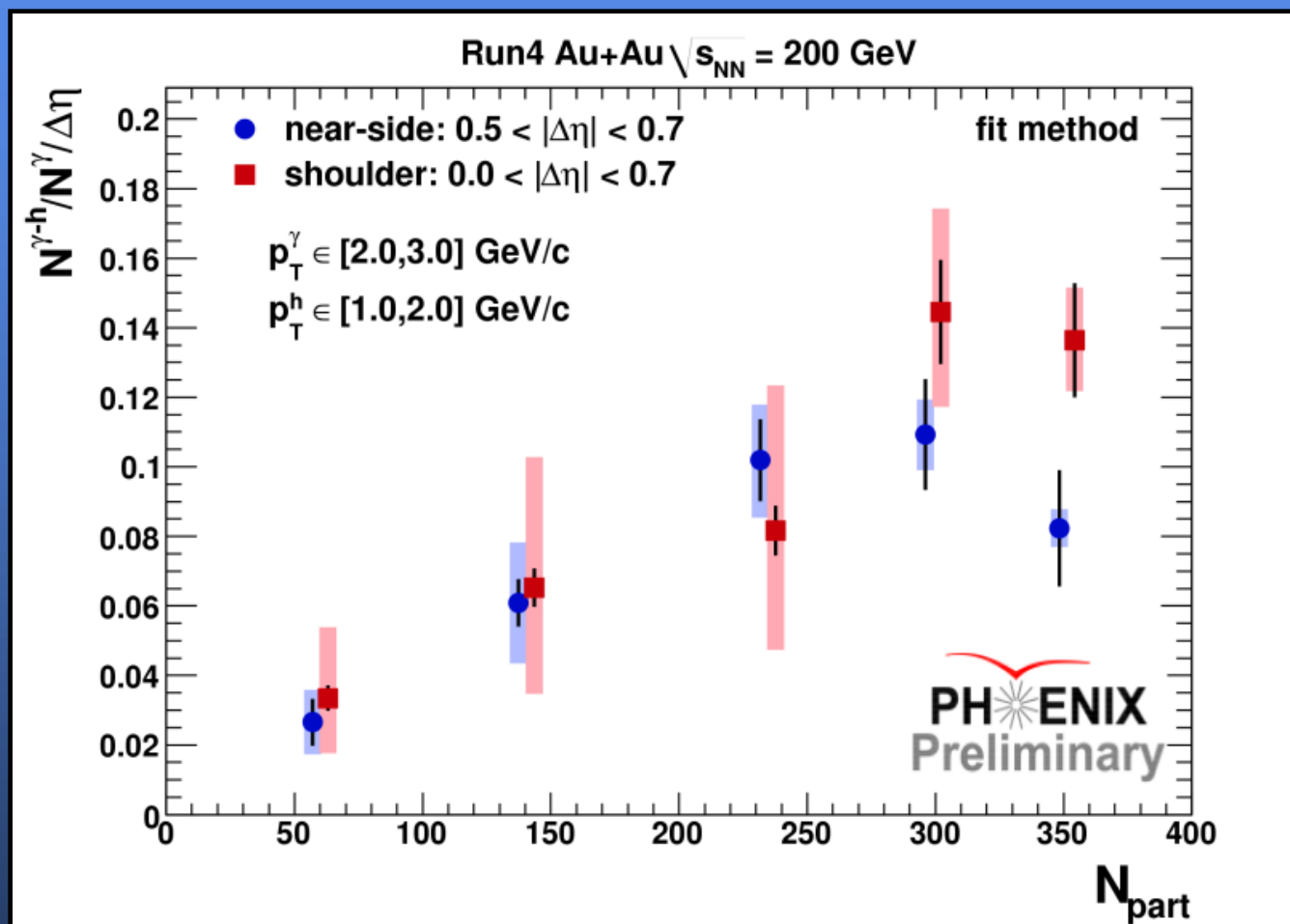
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- At intermediate p_T , little p-p jet beyond $\Delta\eta > 0.5$

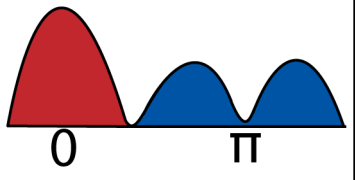


Connections - Centrality

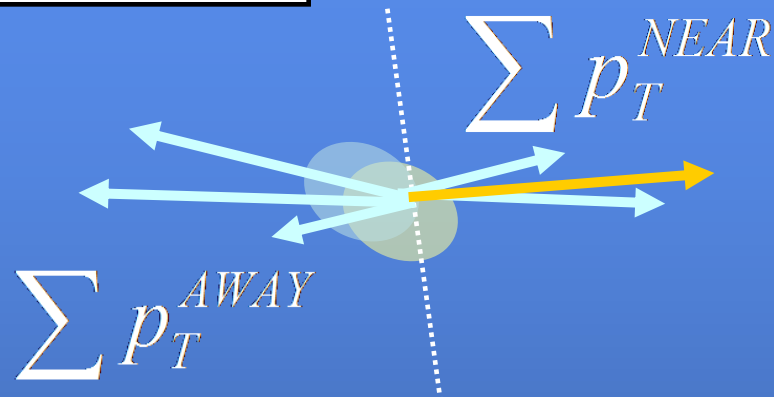
- Away-side shoulder and near-side ridge share a common centrality dependence
- Scale similarity here is largely a factor of p_T selection



PHENIX poster (Chin-Hao Chen)



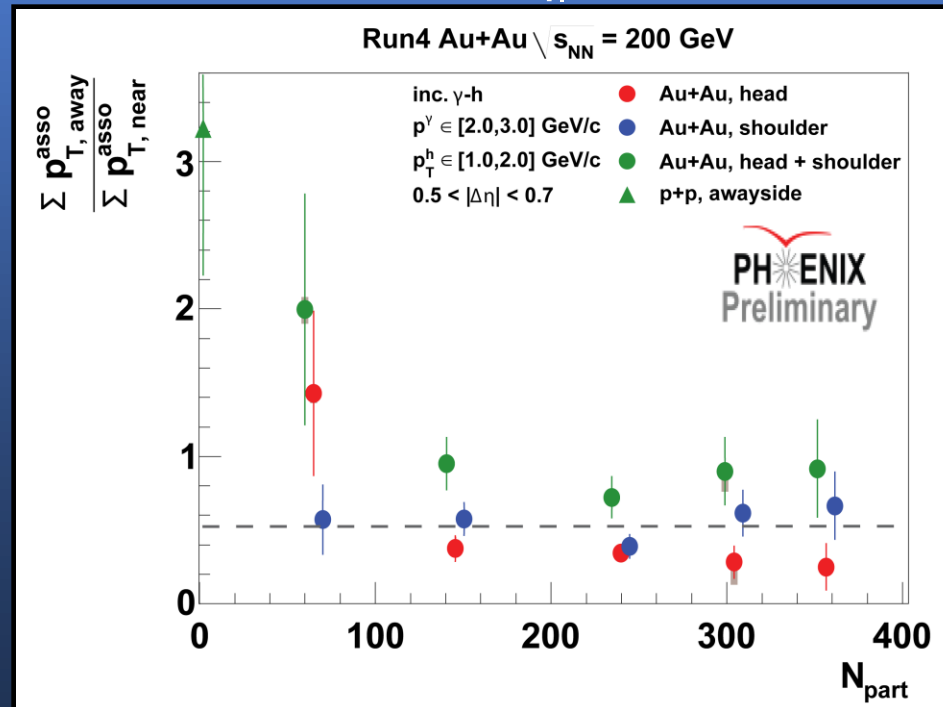
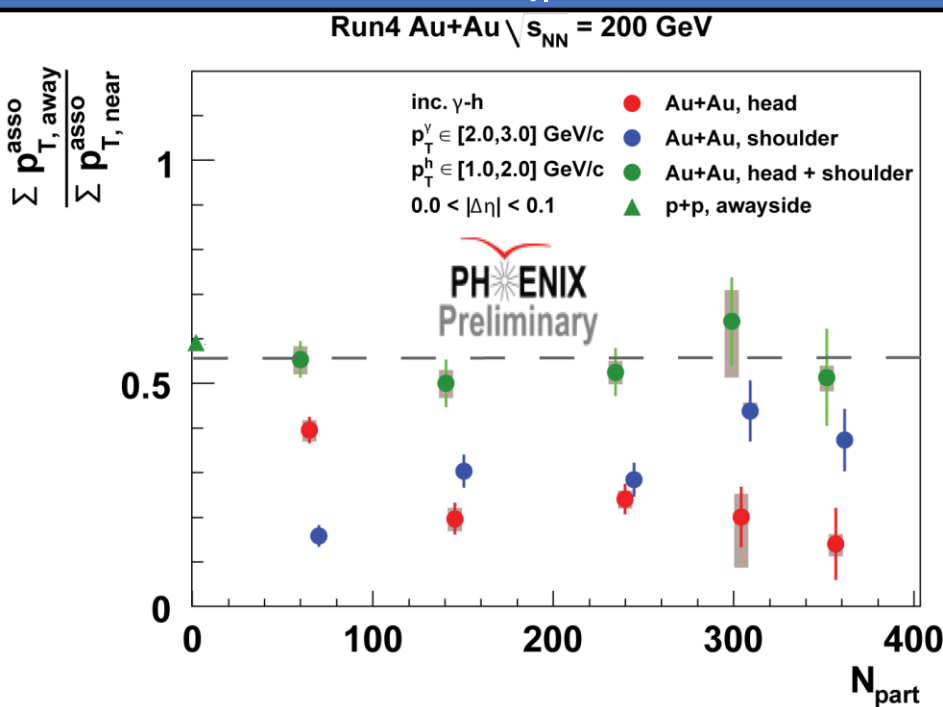
Connections - Balance

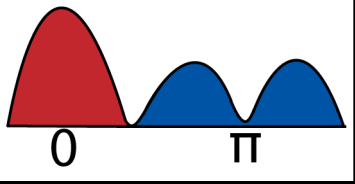


- Jet & Ridge balances Shoulder & Head
- Ridge & Shoulder balance separately!

$$0.0 < |\Delta\eta| < 0.1$$

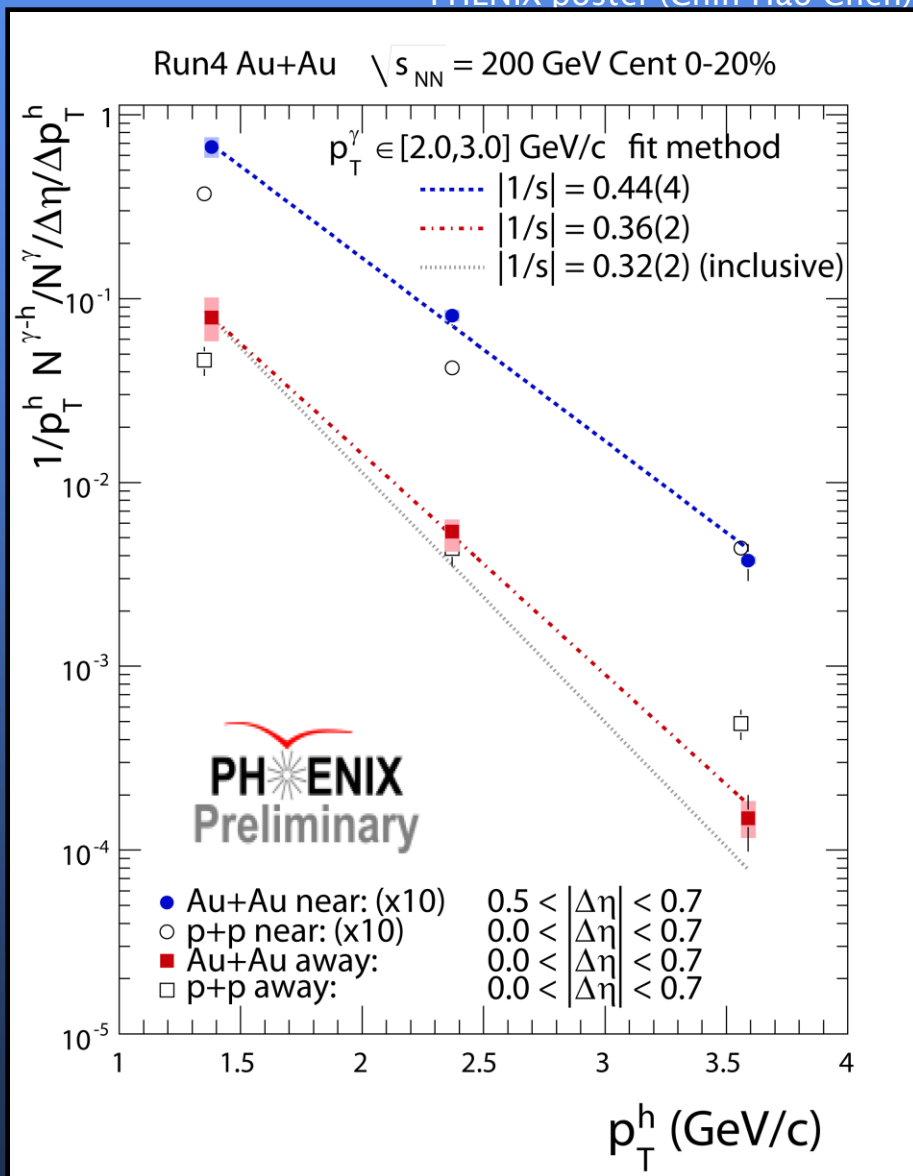
$$0.5 < |\Delta\eta| < 0.7$$





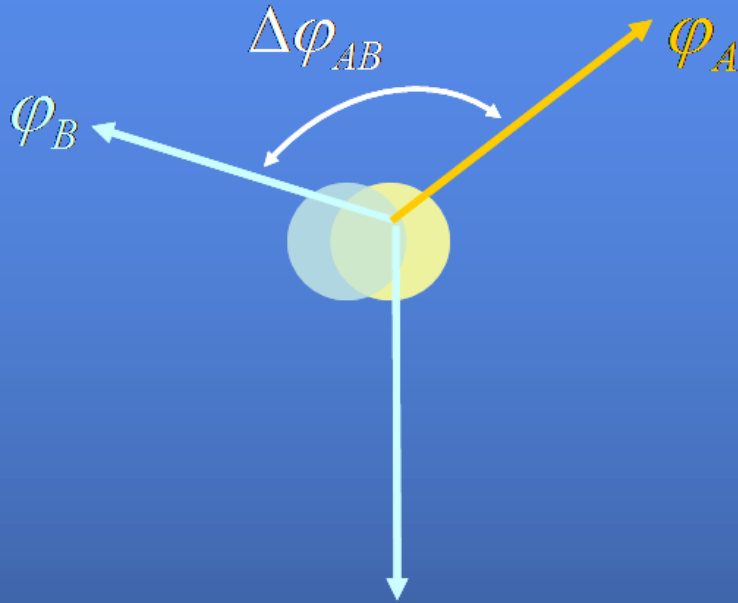
Connections - Spectra

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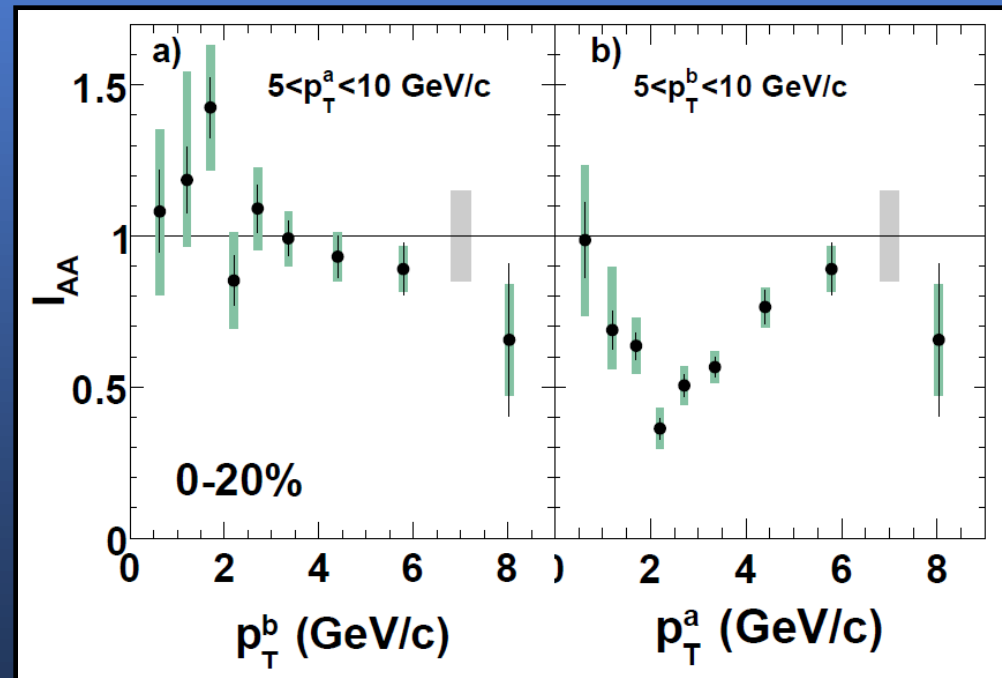
- Near-side ridge and away-side shoulder are both softer than p-p counterparts
- Near-side ridge is possibly harder than away-side shoulder
- Away-side shoulder is closest to inclusive hadron slope

Triggering on Medium Response



- 120 deg is a special angle
- Two-sided shoulder mechanisms could create structures at $\Delta\varphi = 0$ and $\Delta\varphi = \pi$

- I_{AA} trigger-partner anti-symmetry indicates not all triggers are jet fragments



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Summary

- PHENIX is measuring both Ridge and Shoulder
- Shoulder & Head variation consistent with contributions of both medium response and suppressed in-vacuum jet fragmentation
- Ridge and Shoulder measurements consistent with medium response, inconsistent with in-vacuum jet fragmentation
- Ridge & Shoulder share much of the same behavior
 - appear at similar p_T
 - similar centrality dependence
 - softer than p-p counterparts
 - baryon-meson ratios larger than jet fragmentation
 - balance p_T
- At low enough p_T , some triggers must come from medium response

Further:

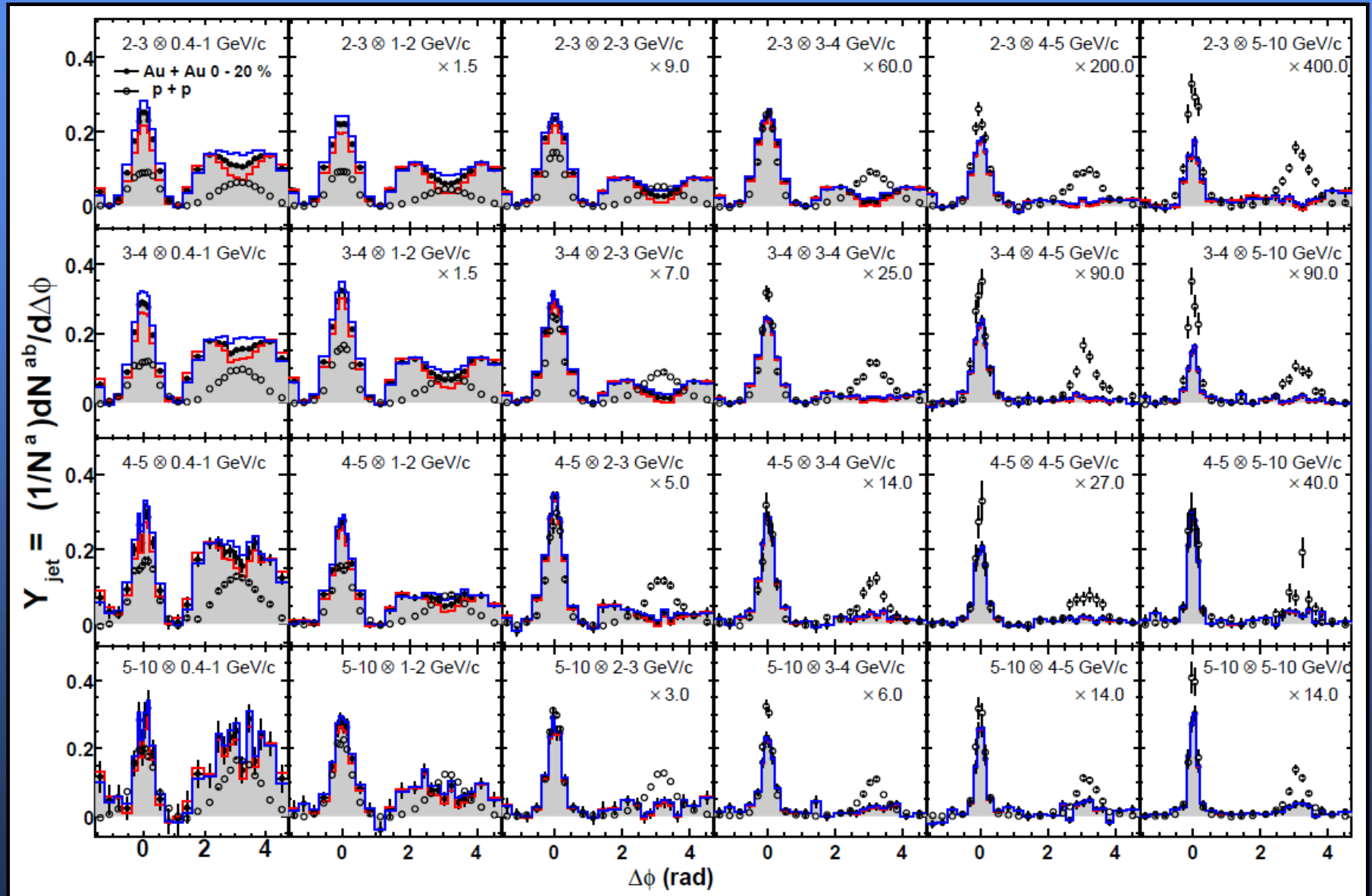
PHENIX posters on intermediate p_T correlations:

Inc γ -h correlations – Chin-Hao Chen (PHENIX)

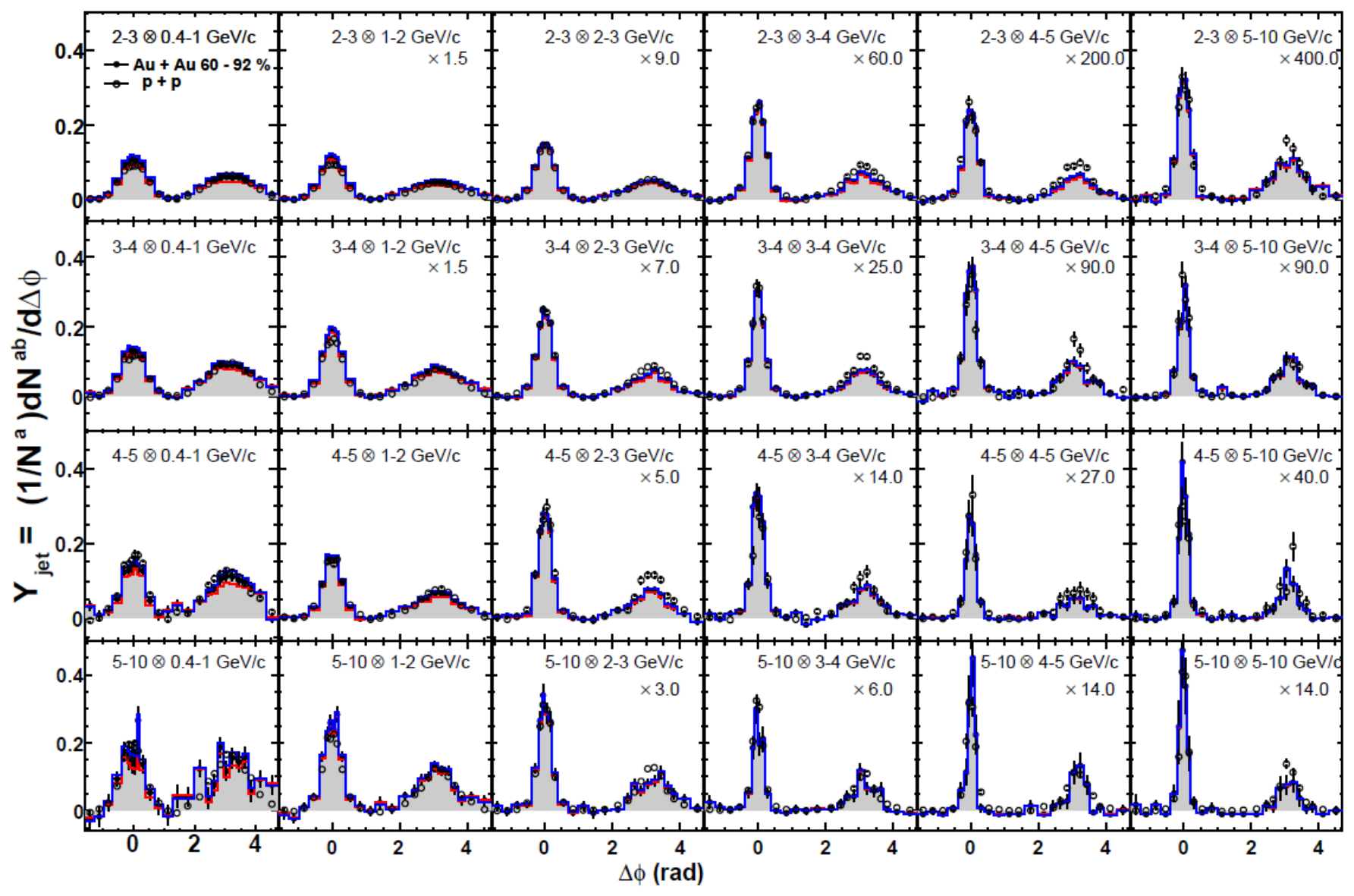
h-h correlations – Jiangyong Jia (PHENIX) – P165

Backups

Cent 0-20%

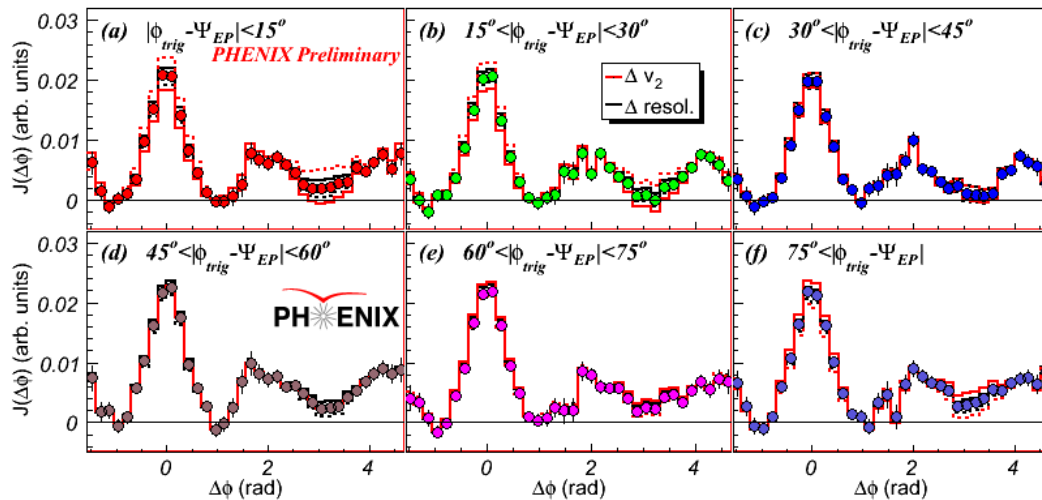


Cent 60-92%

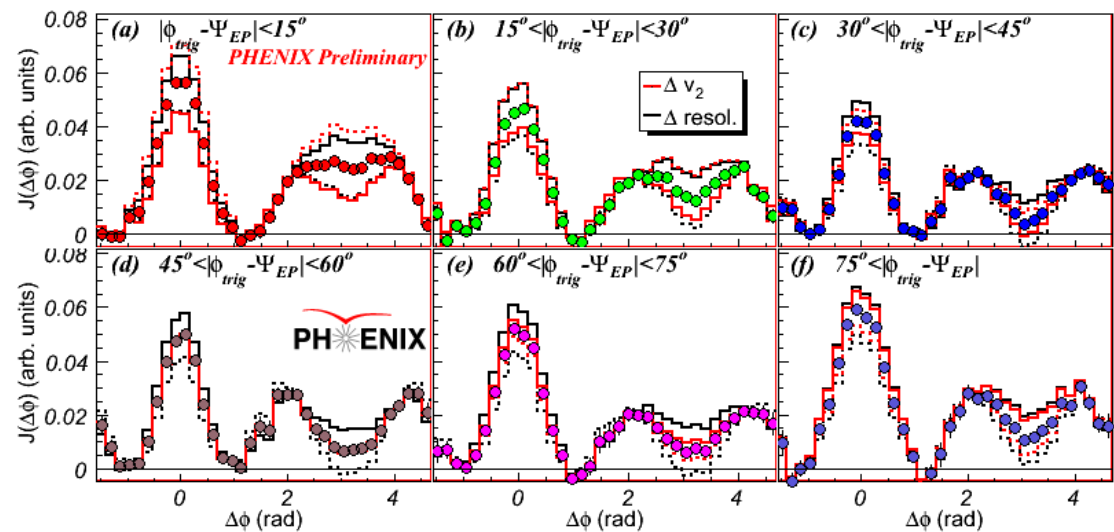


Reaction-Plane Dependence – Full

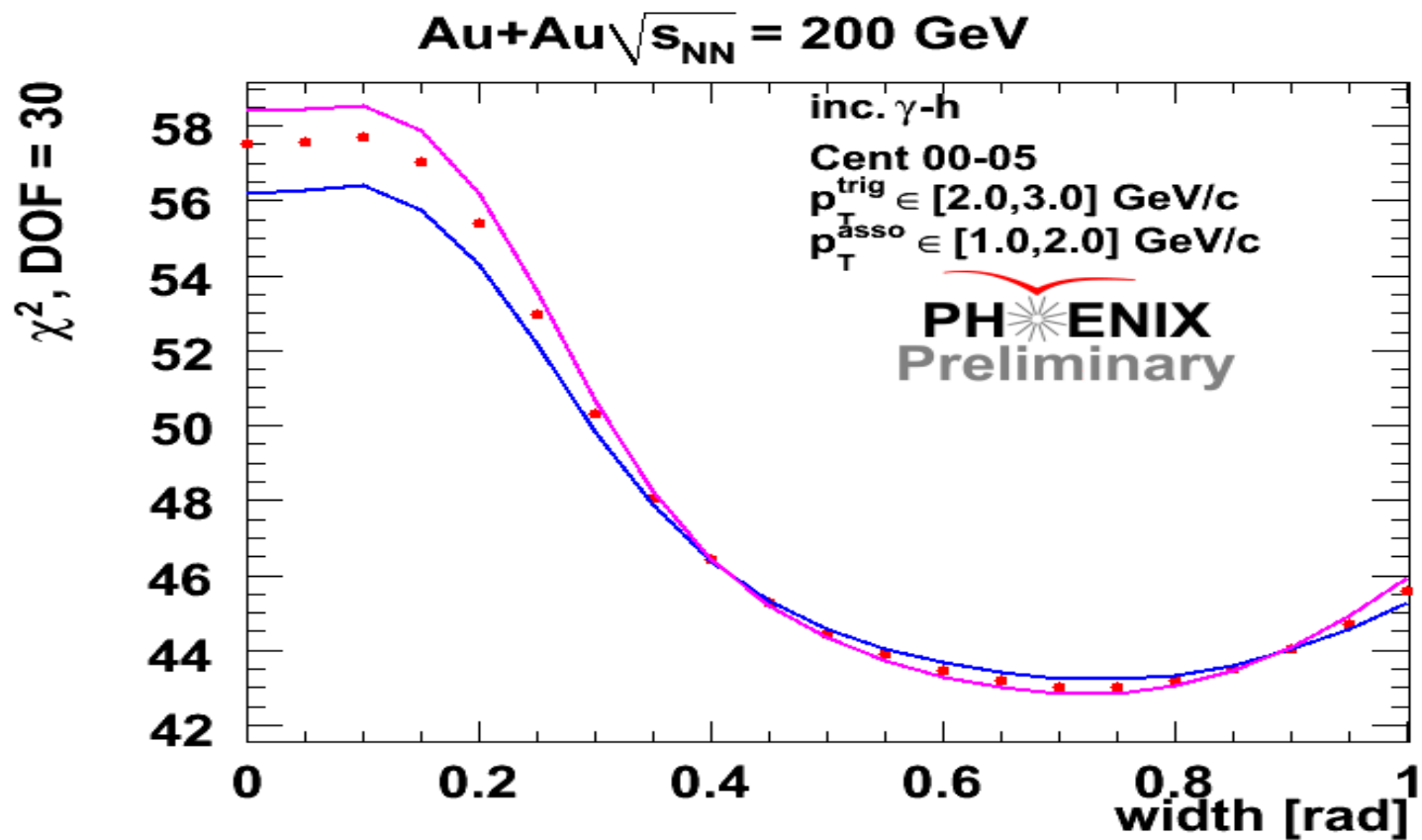
Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200\text{GeV}$, Cent=0-5%, $1 < p_{T,assoc} < 2\text{ GeV/c}$, $2 < p_{T,trig} < 3\text{ GeV/c}$



$=30\text{-}40\%$, $1 < p_{T,assoc} < 2\text{ GeV/c}$, $2 < p_{T,trig} < 3\text{ GeV/c}$



Fit Method Discussion



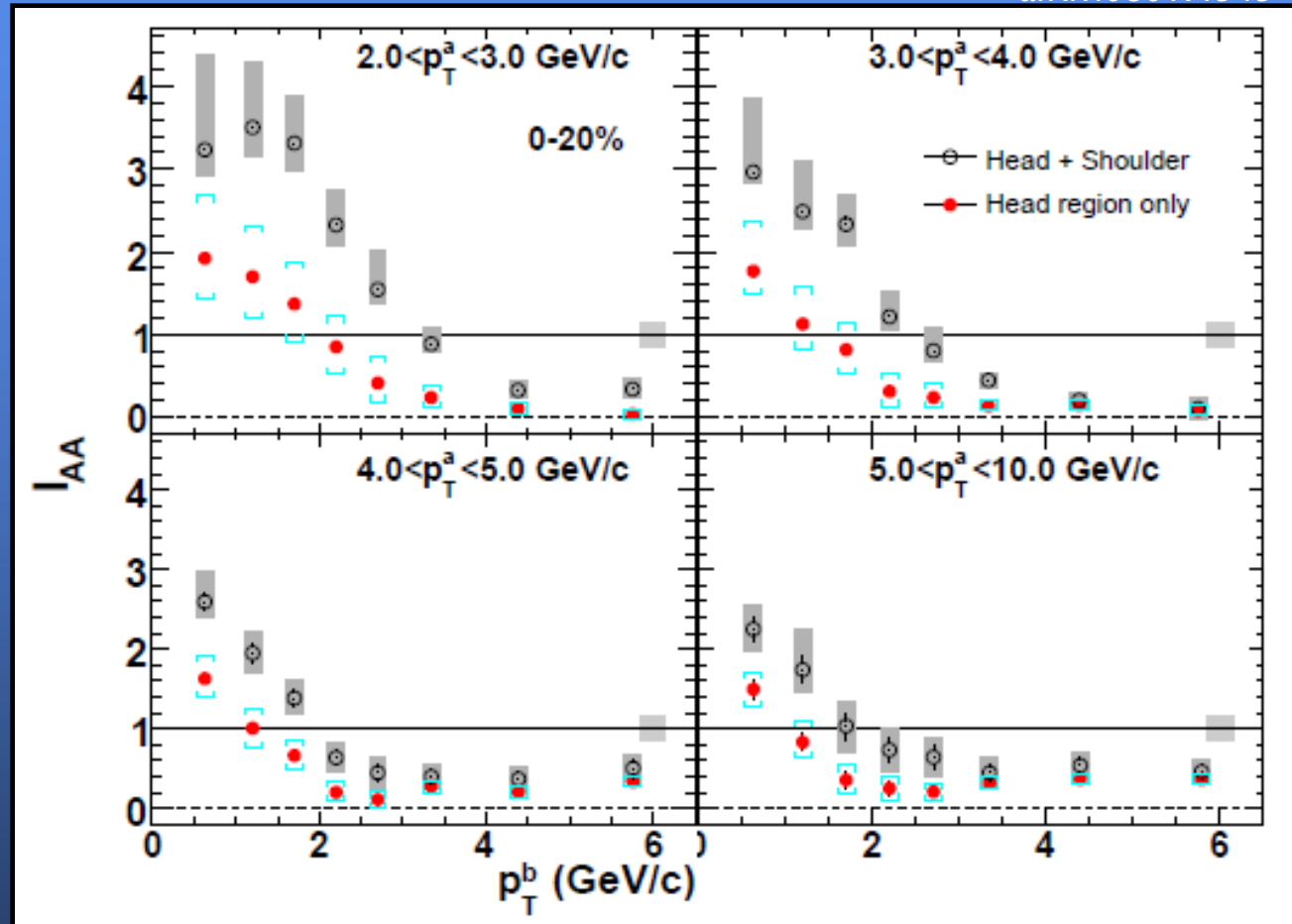
Away-side Shoulder Enhancement

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Away-side enhancement over p-p baseline is limited to lower partner p_T

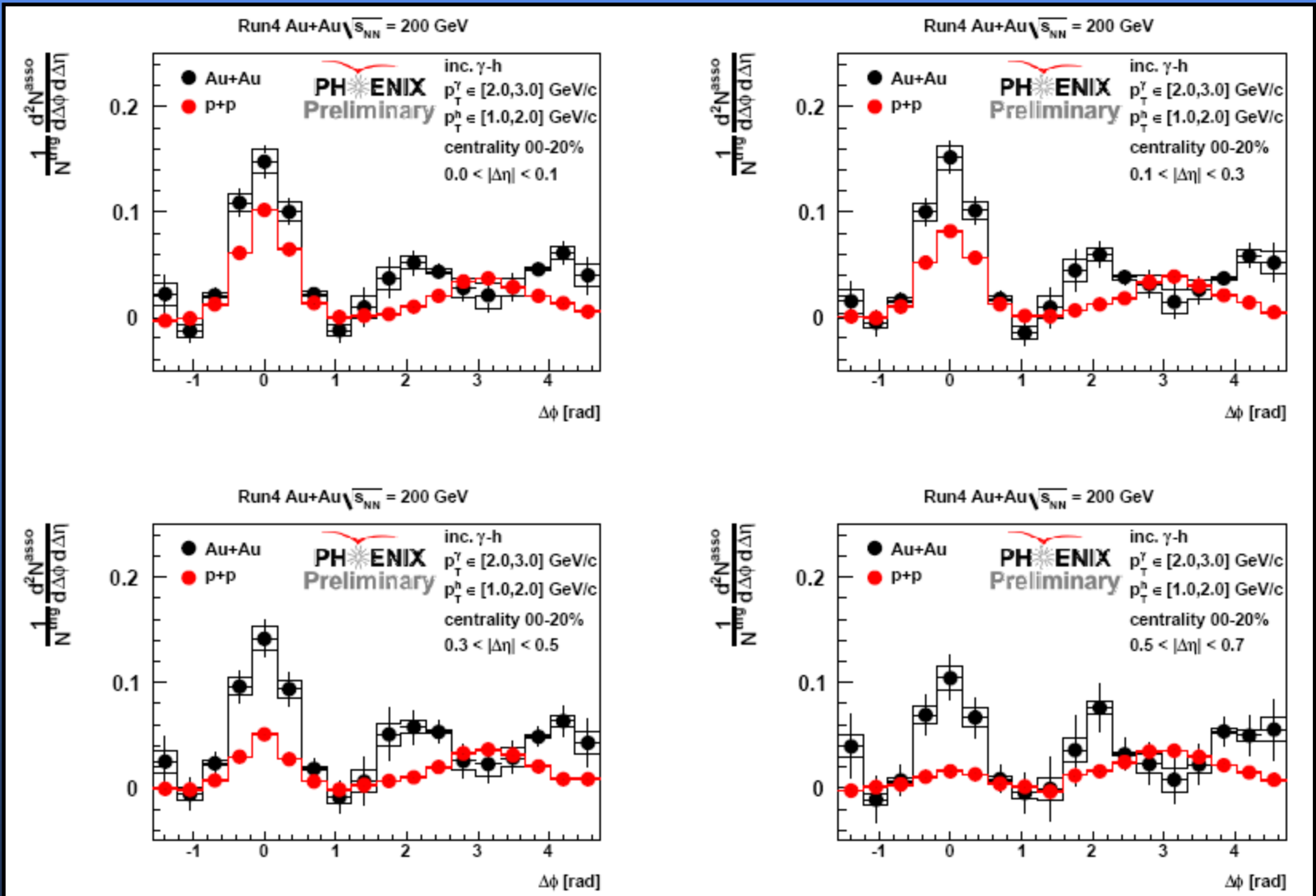
Away-side suppressed below p-p values at high p_T

Head and Shoulder suppressions similar at high p_T

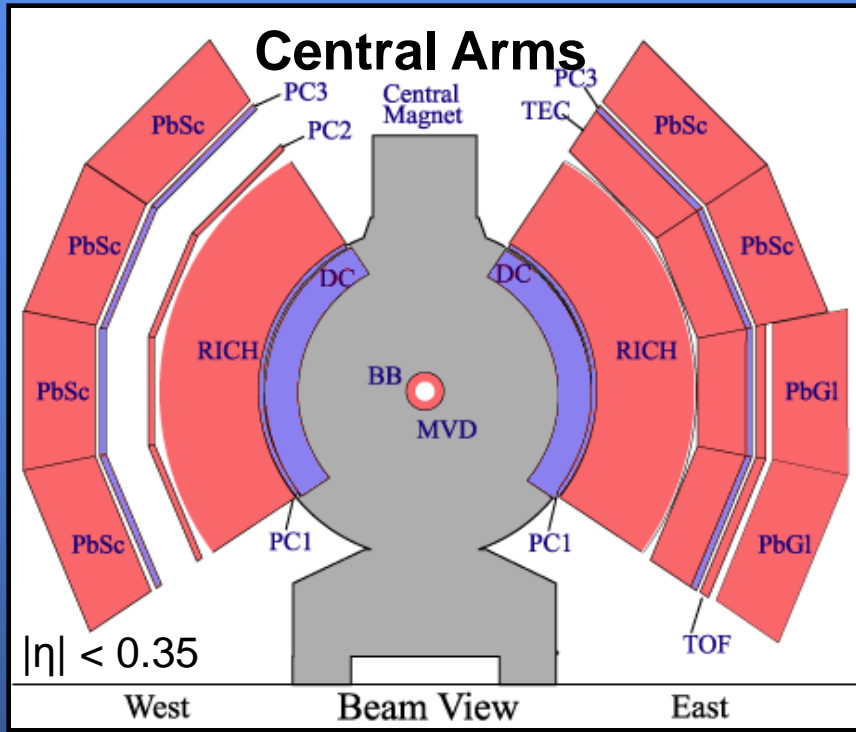


Head region also shows enhancement at low p_T due to contamination from Shoulder region

Inclusive γ -h Correlations

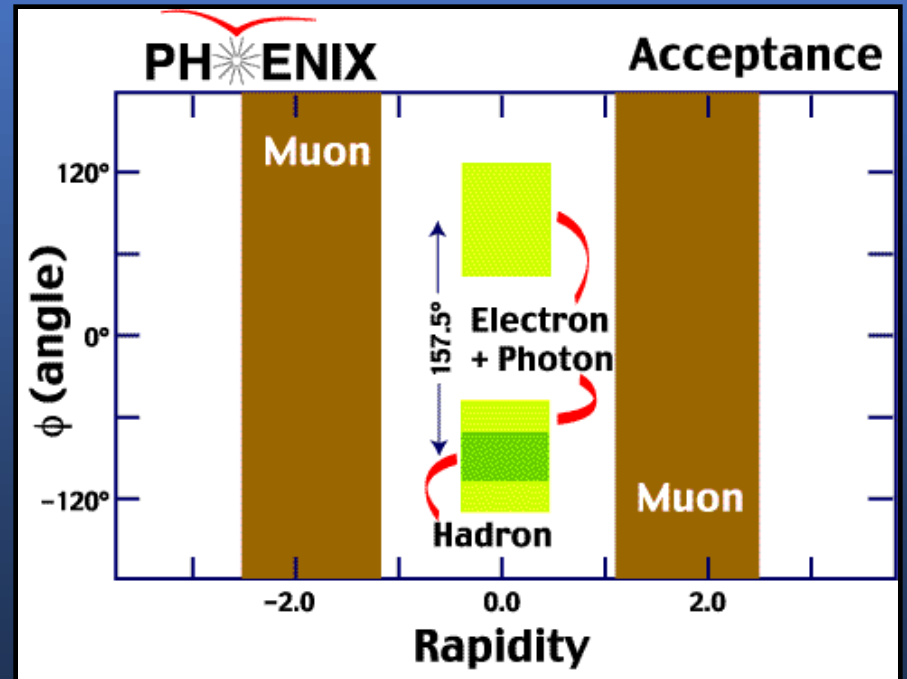


PHENIX Detector



Charged tracking from DC, PC1, and PC3 at mid rapidity, η .

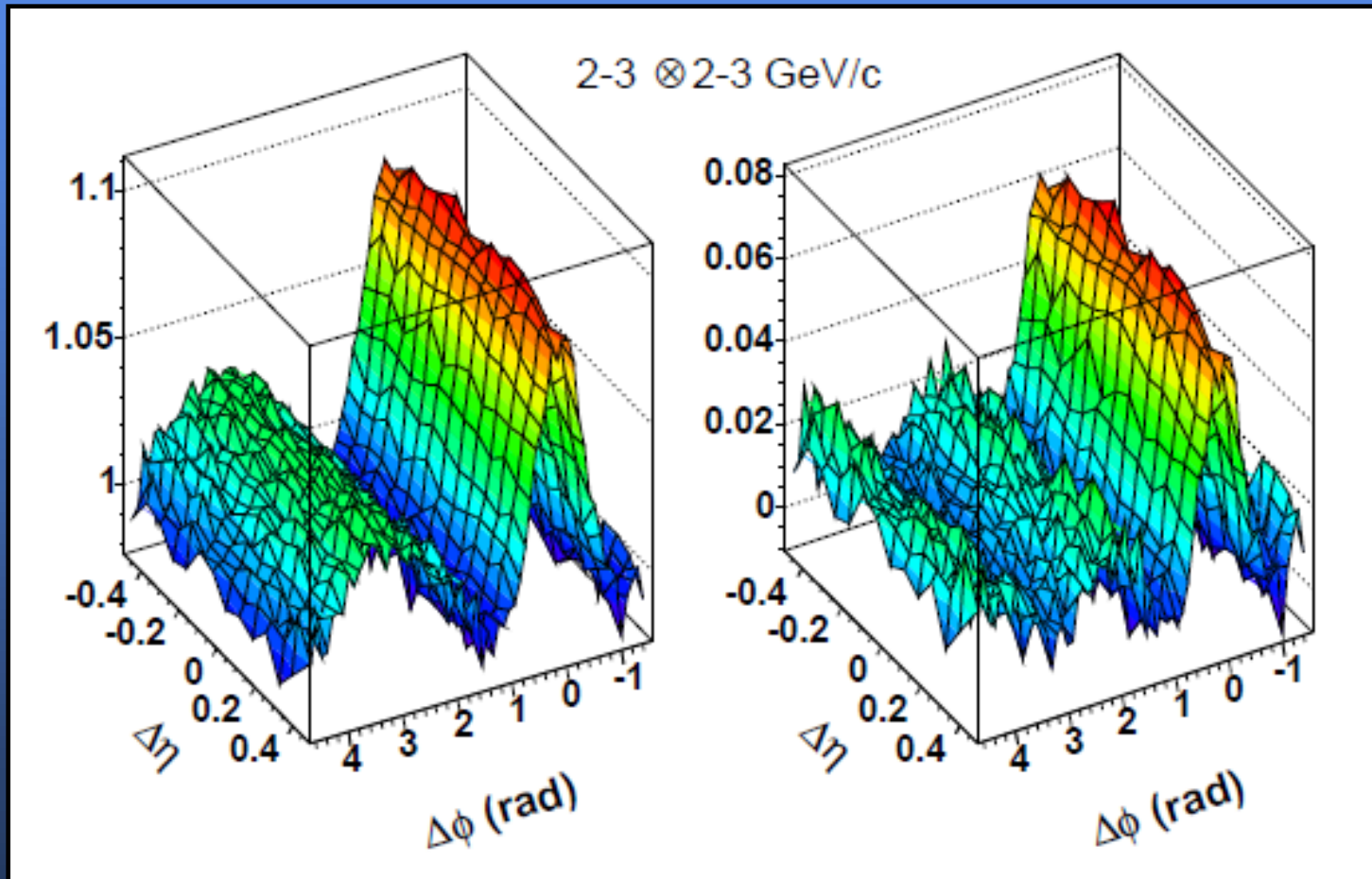
Centrality and Reaction-plane from BBC and ZDC at large $|\eta|$.



Background Subtraction

Jet + Flow

Jet



Acceptance Correction

Rolling buffer mixing
technique

Pooled by Event type:
5cm zvertex
5% centrality

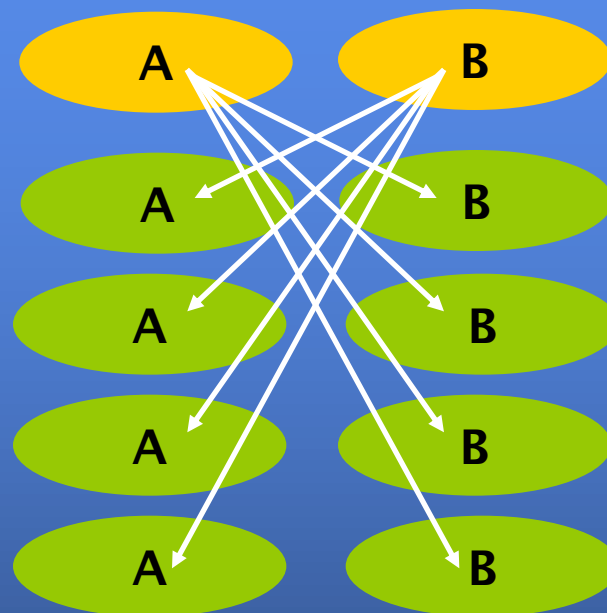
Event N

Event N-1

Event N-2

Event N-3

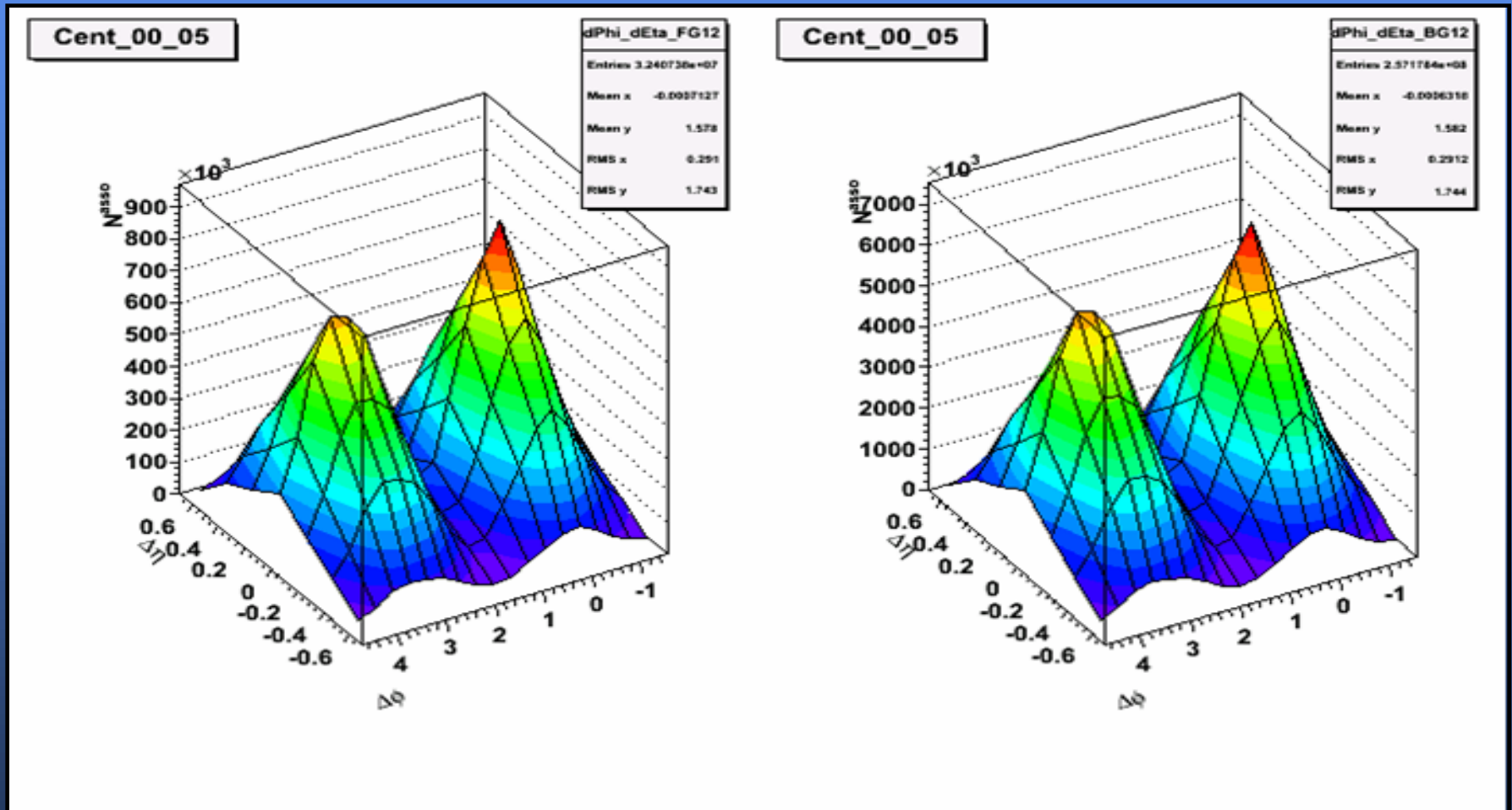
Event N-4



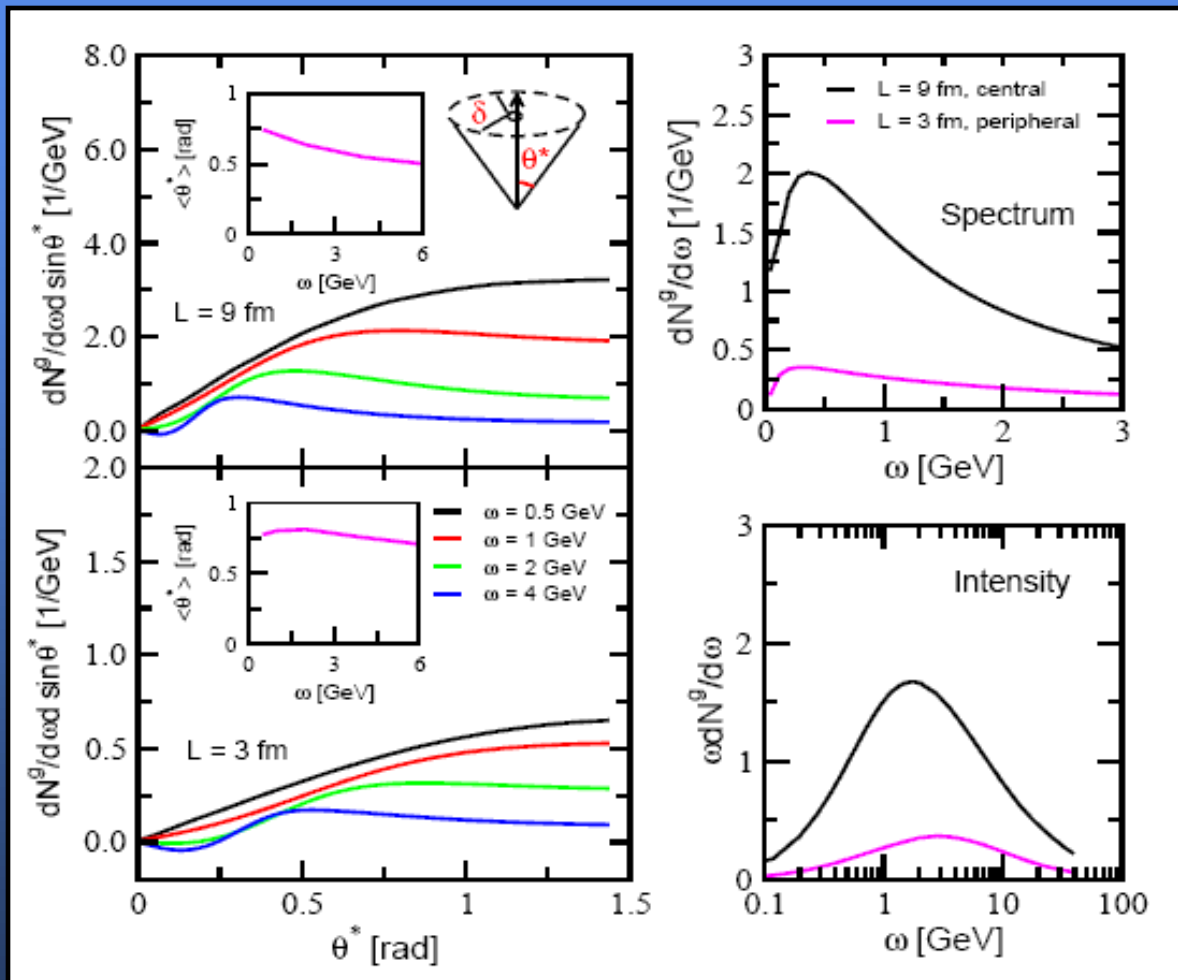
The two-arm acceptance effects are removed by building a correction from event mixing.



2D Acceptance



Large Angle Scattering -- Vitev



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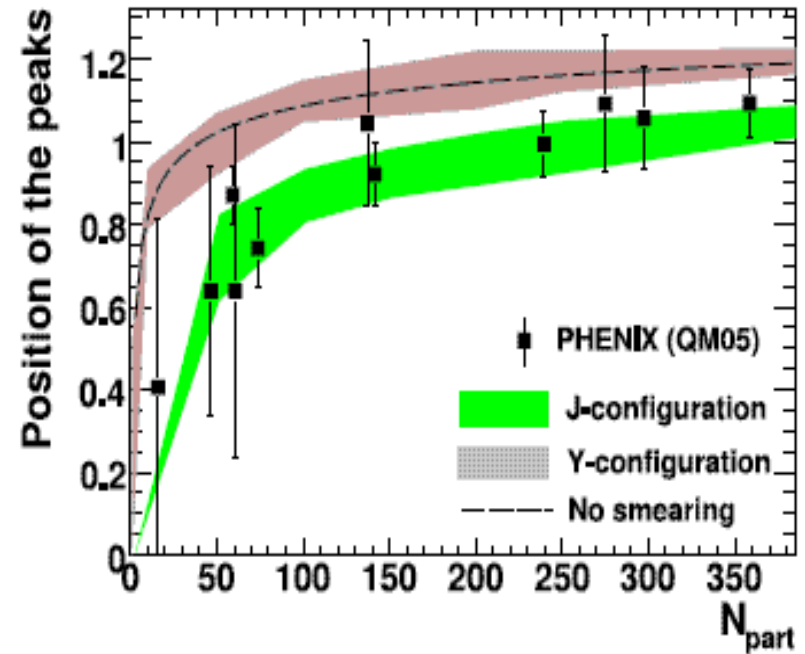
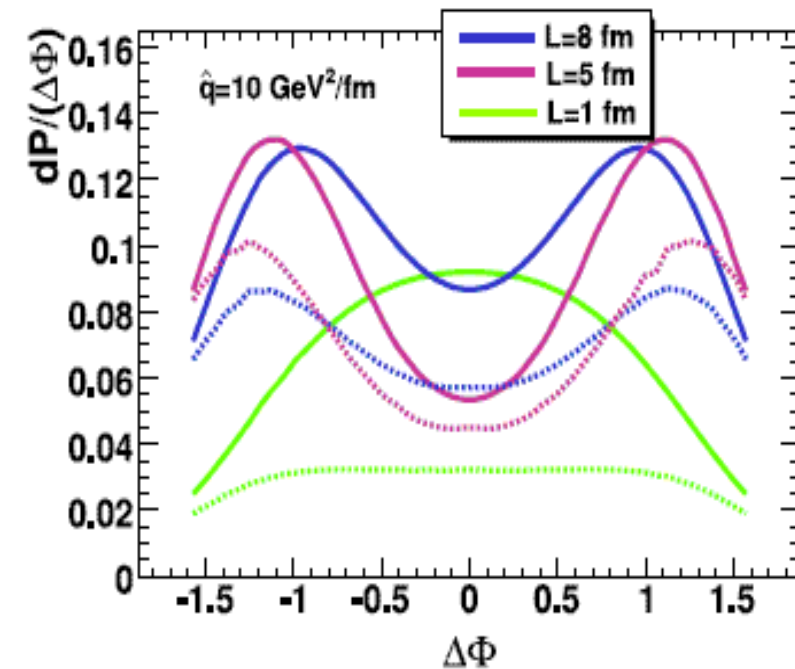
Angles are typically smaller than observed

Average scattering angle falls with path length

Contrasts our centrality dependence

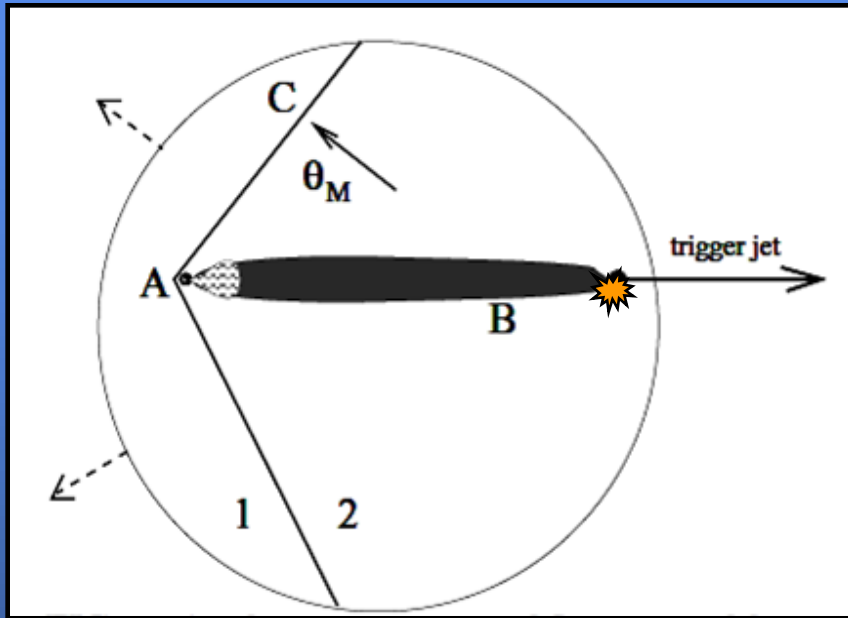
Large Angle Scattering – Polosa, Salgado

PRC 75, 041901(R) (2007)



Claim that the similar p_T windows restrict signal to a small number of splittings

Mach Cones



$$\cos(\theta_M) = c_s$$

$\theta_M = 1.2 \rightarrow c_s \sim 0.33$
(0.57 in QGP, 0.2 in hadron gas)

$$D \sim 1.0-1.1 \rightarrow c_s \sim 0.45 - 0.54$$

Casalderray, Shuryak, Teaney hep-ph/0411315
Stöcker, Nucl. Phys. A750 (2005) 121

Reproduces large angles seen in the data

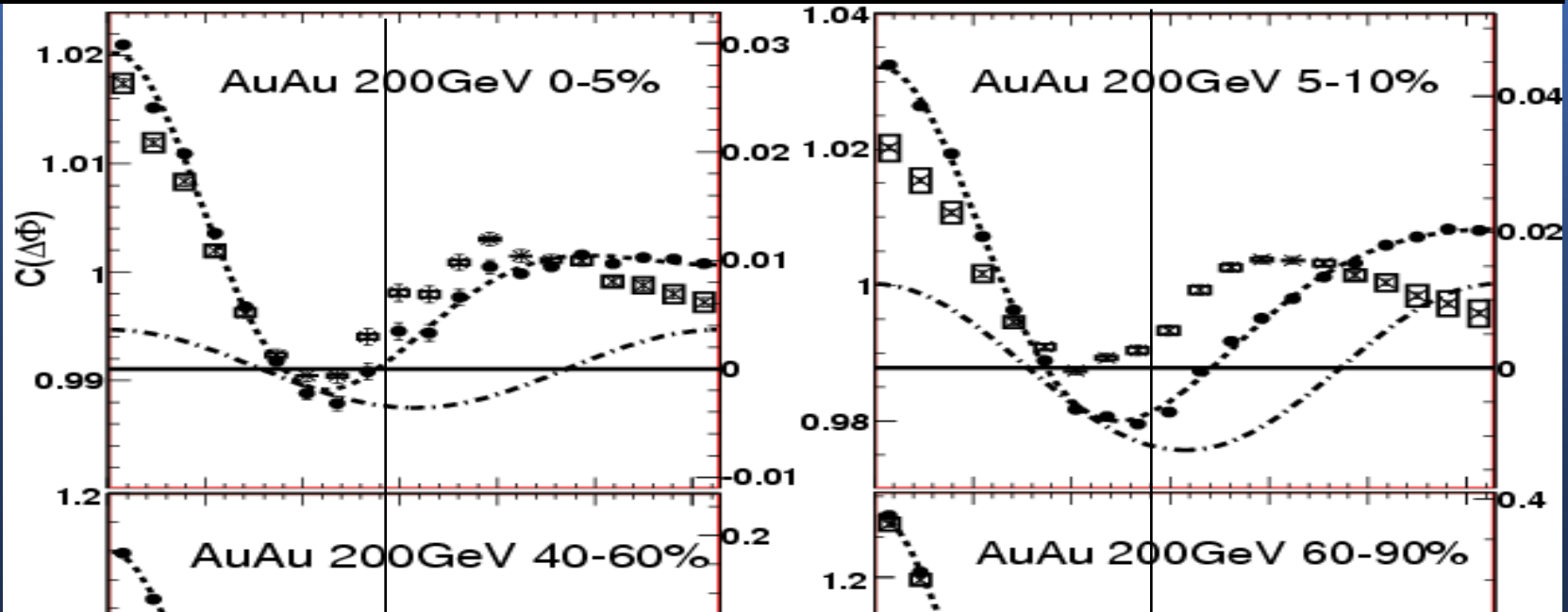
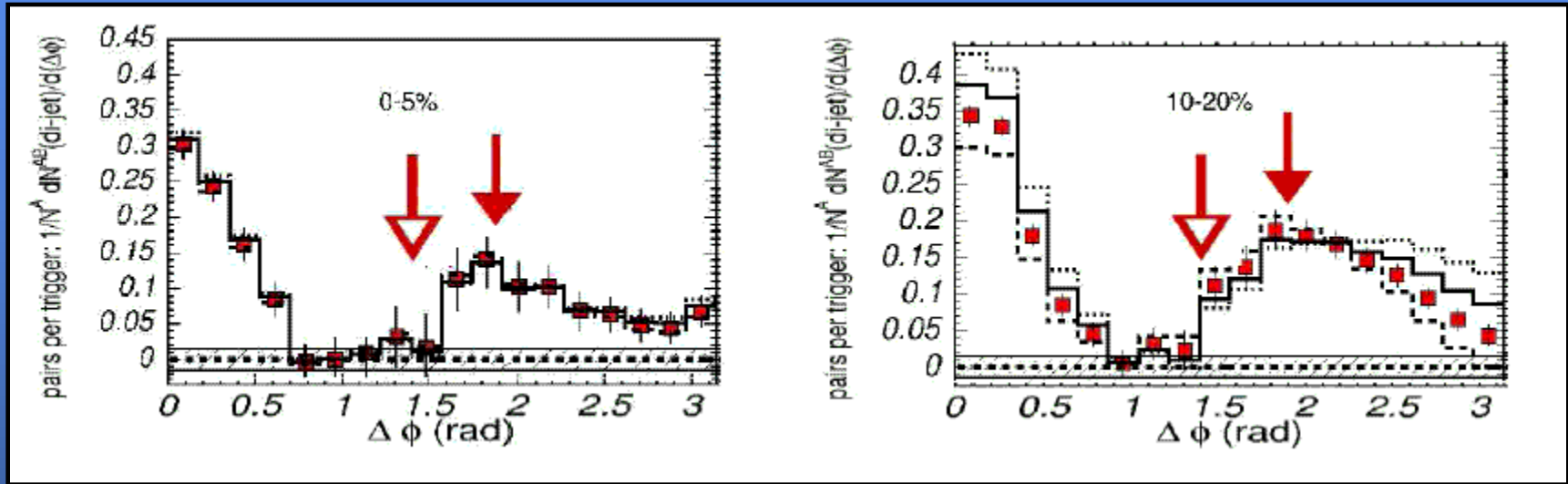
Expectation of little p_T dependence

Expectation of a beam energy dependence

Mach Cones – Jorge & Edward

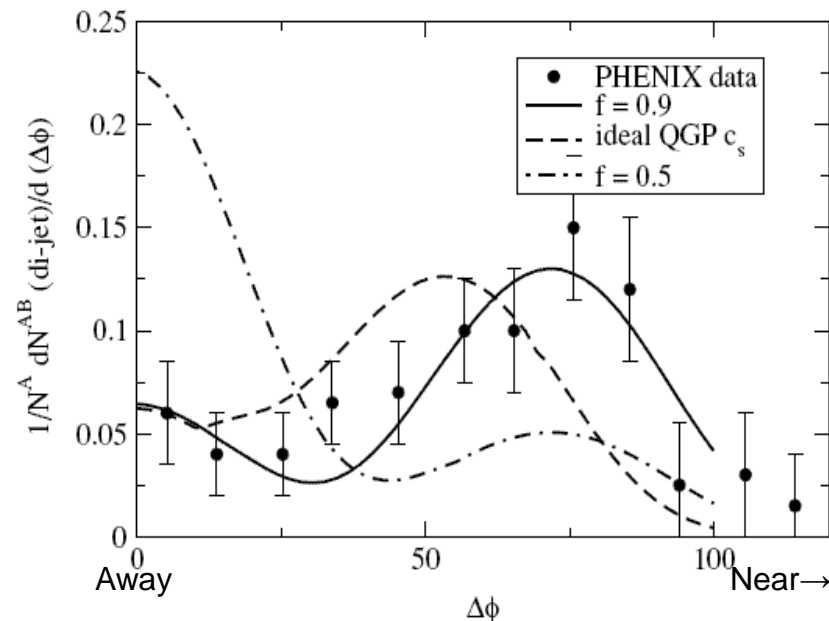
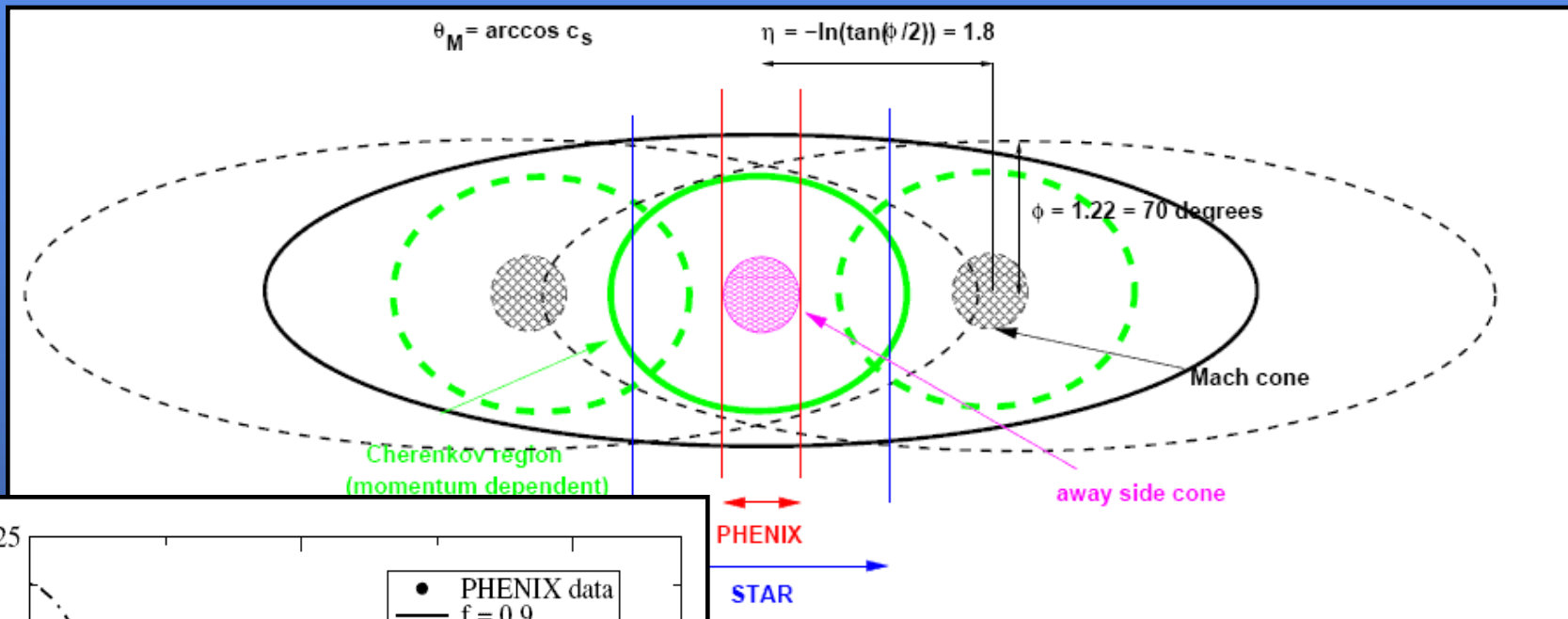
First-order phase transition would reflect some Mach Cone

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Mach Cones – Renk & Ruppert

HP 2006

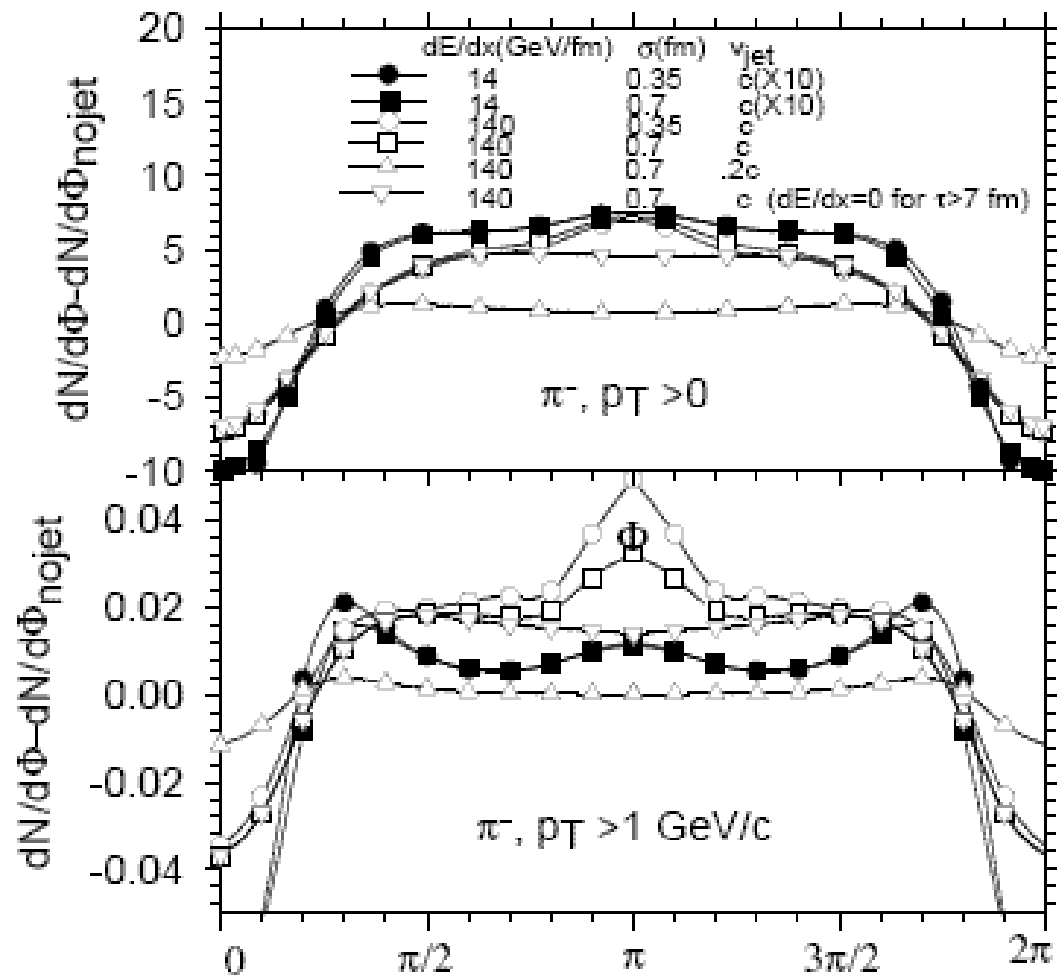


Longitudinal flow improves the predicted $\Delta\phi$ signal from a Mach Cone

Match to the data requires large fractional energy loss to Mach cone

Mach Cones – Chaudhuri & Heinz

PRL 97, 062301 (2006)



Assume lost energy is instantaneously thermalized in their hydro simulations

Extract no Mach cone signal

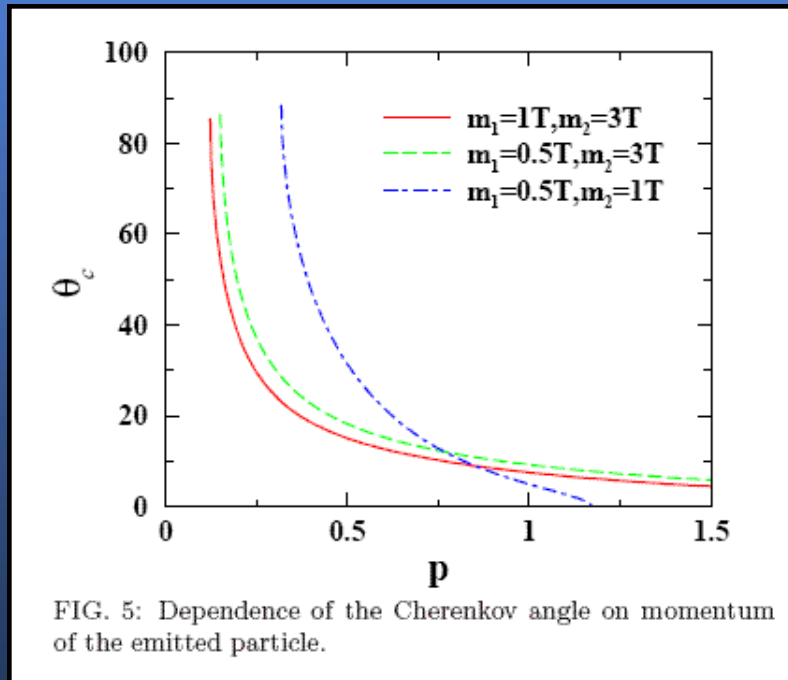
Large energy loss scenarios give “splash-back” signal

Cherenkov – Majumder, Wang

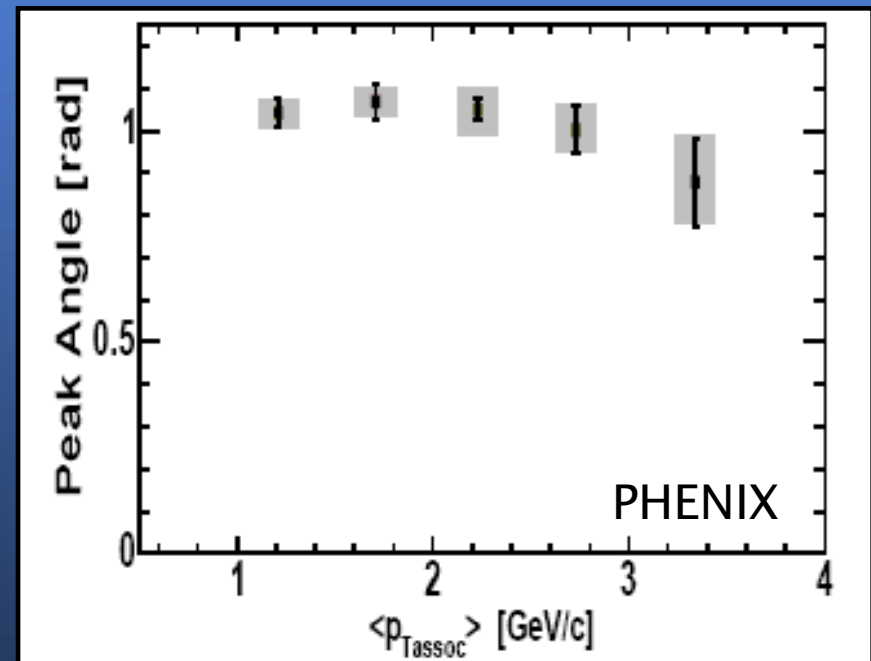
Cherenkov production has “a strong dependence on the gluon momentum”

“disappear for high-energy gluons”

Predict D values will shrink as associated momentum is increased.

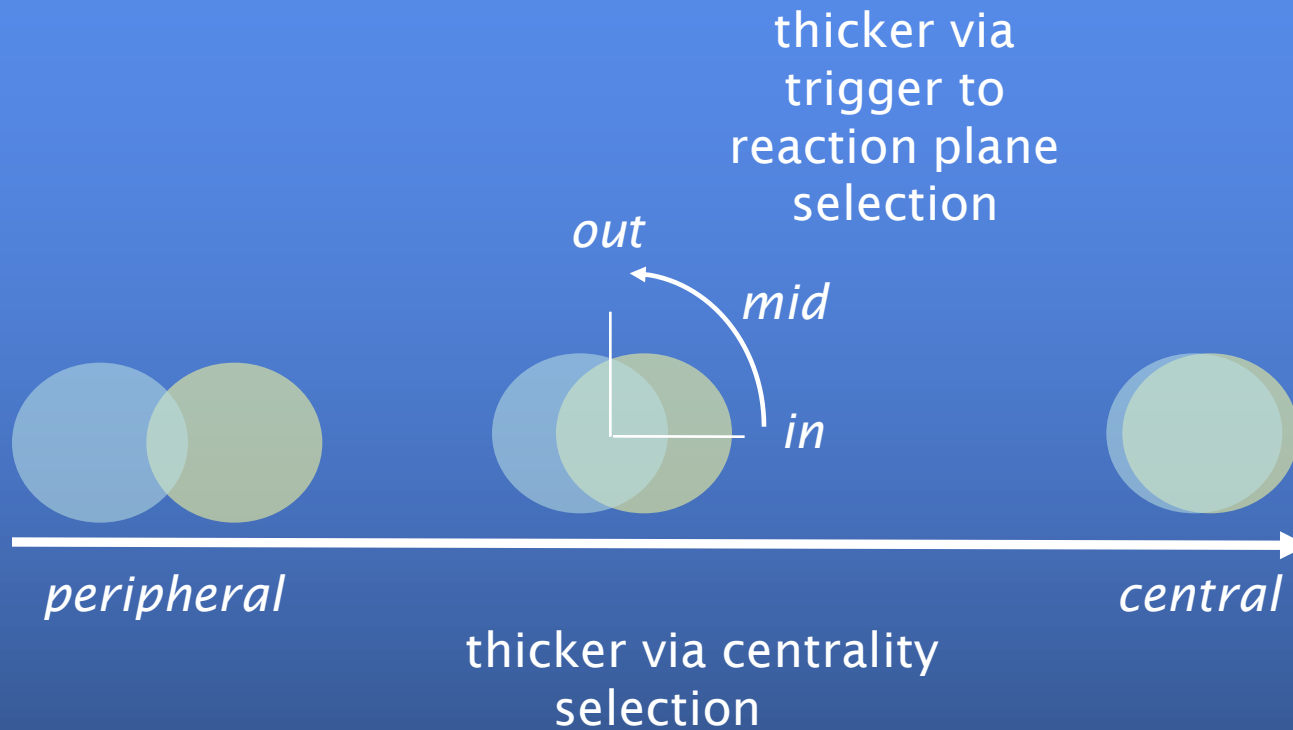


PRL 96, 172302 (2006)

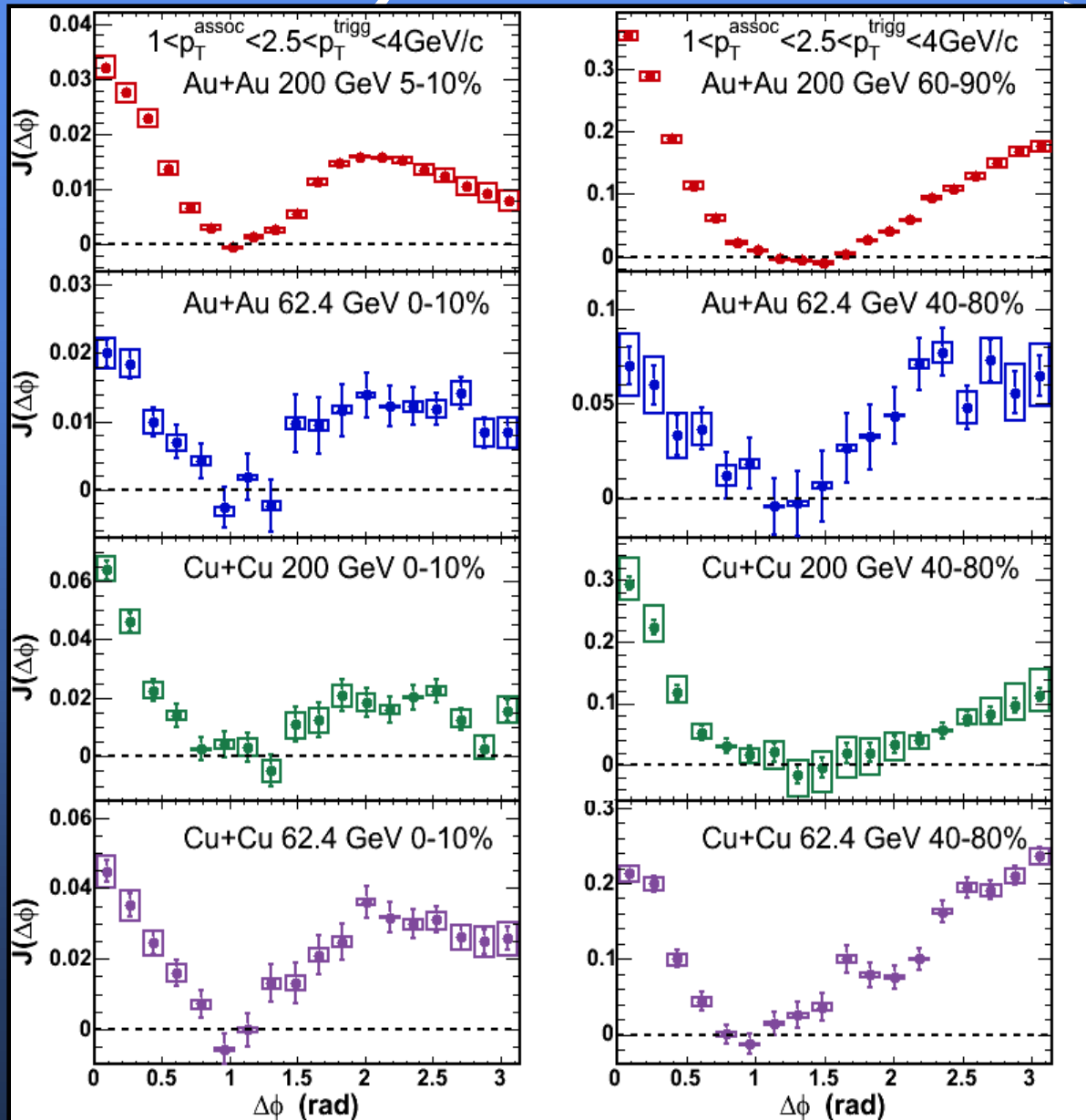


data from: Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 232302 (2007)

Testing Thickness Scaling



System and Energy Scan



Away-side structure vs. beam species, beam energies, and centrality

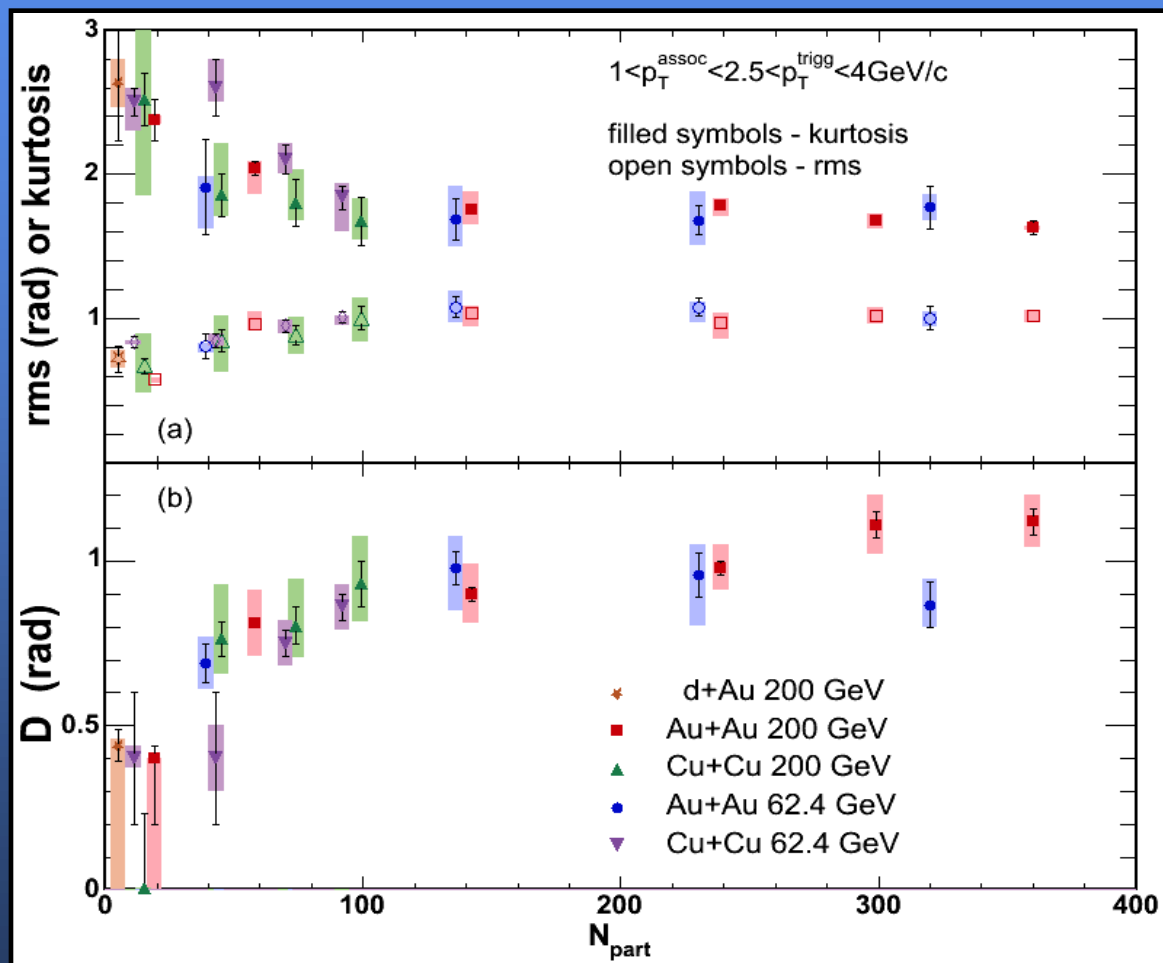
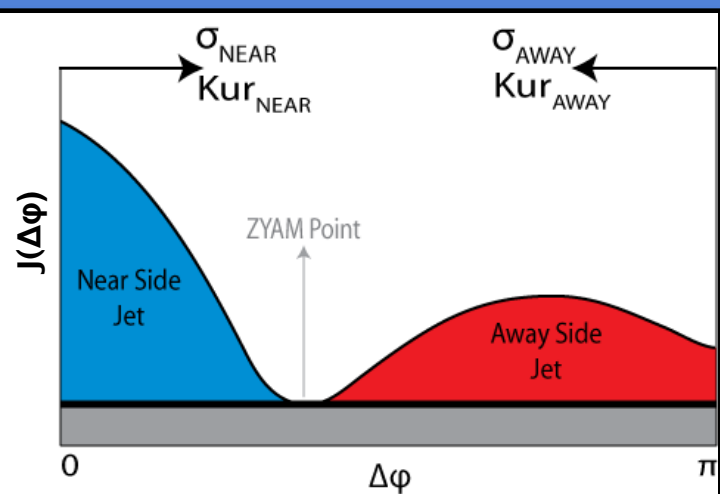
All cases:

Peripheral similar to p-p

- Central shows development of “lobe”-like structure

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N_{part} Shape Scaling



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Shape saturates above 100 N_{part}